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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**Message from the Colonel-in-Chief
The Countess
Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL**

I am very pleased once again to provide some opening comments for *The Patrician*. I am always amazed at the remarkable amount of activity that occurs across the entire spectrum of the Regiment and the year 2004 was no exception. In fact, as the year marked the Regiment's 90th Anniversary of service, it was indeed a year of great activity and excitement.

I am truly very sorry for not being able to visit my Patricias for the 90th Anniversary celebrations in Winnipeg and Edmonton. Unfortunately, my husband's health precluded me from travelling. He and I were certainly with all of our Patricias in spirit as you celebrated this special day. By all accounts, the celebrations were remarkable, enjoyable and memorable. The soldiers of the Regiment have a lot to be proud of, as the Regiment's history is one of selfless service, dedication to the nation and professionalism. Today's Patricias have a glorious heritage to live up to and it is clear that today's soldiers are as dedicated, skilled and willing to serve as their predecessors. I am very proud of all of you.

The year also marked my 30th year as the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief. I am so very pleased with my close association with the Regiment and its officers and soldiers, past and present. While I am associated with many fine organizations and causes, I hold my relationship with my Patricias very dear to my heart. It is a special relationship that I greatly cherish.

I know that this has been a very busy year and that Patricias have been engaged on all fronts. As well as celebrating the 90th Anniversary, the Second Battalion closed down KapYong Barracks in Winnipeg and moved the unit to Shilo. I have very fond memories of KapYong Barracks in Winnipeg, as I am certain most soldiers who have served there do. The barracks had a real Army "feel" to them and it was always a great pleasure to visit the battalion. I am certain that the new KapYong Barracks in Shilo will develop its own "feel" and will become a fine home for the battalion. I look forward to visiting the battalion on my next trip to Canada.

The year also saw Patricias on yet another operational tour, this time in Afghanistan. I am certain that the soldiers deployed performed in the Regiment's customary professional manner.

To all my Patricias and their families, I want to extend my warmest wishes and regards. I look forward to the year ahead and know that all Patricias everywhere, past and present, continue to serve the Regiment in grand style.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment
Major-General (Ret'd) R.I. Stewart, CMM, CD



Fellow Patricias,

2004 was yet another extraordinary year for the Regiment. We, as a Regiment were able to come together and celebrate our 90th Anniversary in two locations, first at Kapyong Barracks in Winnipeg with the Second Battalion and then in Edmonton at our new Home Station with the First and Third Battalions. It was a time to reflect on our history of accomplishments and to visit with and remember old comrades. Unfortunately, our Colonel in Chief, Lady Patricia was unable to be with us in person, but I can guarantee that she and Lord John were with us in spirit. My thanks to the Association, the Battalions, Regimental Headquarters, and all Patricia's who attended for making the 90th Anniversary a success.

The year also saw another significant event. After 34 years calling it home, the Second Battalion closed out Kapyong Barracks and opened the new Kapyong Barracks in Shilo. The Battalion eagerly embraced this change and the challenges that it presented and conducted the move and transition in true Second Battalion fashion.

As your Colonel of the Regiment, I was fortunate this year to visit all three Battalions in the field and in garrison. As well, I visited our new Patricias as they underwent training at LFWA Training Centre. The professionalism, skill and esprit de corps was evident in all soldiers that I met during these visits. In my view, the caliber of our soldiers and all levels of leadership remains very high, despite the many unique challenges that face soldiering in Canada at this time in our history.

Now I would like to turn your thoughts to the future. By the time you receive this edition of The Patrician we will be just 4 short years away from our 95th Anniversary and only 9 years from celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Planning committees have already commenced preparations for both events. In particular, serious work has commenced for the very significant 100th Anniversary celebrations. This will be, for most of us, the most important Anniversary in our Regimental life and will require the enthusiastic involvement of all members of the Regimental family if we are to carry it off in the best tradition and style of our Regiment. It will consist of local, national and international events. Detailed planning for the anniversary is underway and is headed-up by BGen (Ret'd) Vince Kennedy. Initial planning indicates a very ambitious and exciting program. You will hear a great deal more about this in the next few years.

As a Regiment, we can expect to face many changes and challenges in the years ahead. We must meet these with a positive attitude and throughout hold true to our ethos, our sense of style and uphold the best traditions of the Regiment.

All the best for continued success and good soldiering to all members of the Regimental family.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Message from the Regimental Major Major E.A. Giraldeau, CD

Another year in Regimental Headquarters has come and gone. On the outside looking in, one might think that I must be mad to have stayed here for so long that I am now the longest serving RM in Regimental history (four years and counting as of time of printing). However, from the inside looking out, I must say that this is one of the best Regimental tours one could have. Those of us fortunate enough to serve the Regiment from within RHQ have a unique perspective of Regimental life and what it means to belong to a Regimental family. Like in any family environment, we see the good and the bad, and I can honestly say that it is mostly good. In fact, it is getting better day by day, week by week, as more and more serving and retired soldiers see the benefit of belonging to and supporting the Regimental Family.

This renewed support can be seen in many ways. The voluntary donations made by serving soldiers to support the charitable activities of the Regiment have significantly increased over the past year. With this increased support, the Regiment is able to give back to the soldiers in the way of benevolent assistance to those of the family in need. The Benevolent Fund has given out over 28,000 dollars in assistance grants and loans in the past four years. As well, the voluntary donations have also allowed the Regiment to maintain and enrich the collection of the Regimental Museum thus helping to preserve the rich heritage of the Regiment.

The renewed support is evident in the manner in which we say goodbye to our members, past and present who pass away. Requests for funeral parties from family members are on the rise, an indication that the connection to the Regiment of our predecessors is still strong. Likewise, those serving soldiers who participate in the funeral parties, often on a voluntary basis, have come back from the tasking with a rekindled appreciation of having done the right thing in saying goodbye to our veterans in a deserving, respectful, and dignified way.

The Association is seeing signs of the renewed support. More of the younger soldiers are actively seeking out membership upon release in order to maintain contact with the Regiment. The recently initiated Volunteer Patricia Programme (VPP) launched by the Association to assist retired members in adjusting to retirement and the changes this brings to their lives is being well received. It is a strong reminder to all that we care for our own, and that the Regiment continues to care even after our service in uniform is over. There is truth in the saying "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia".

The Regiment is only as strong as its collective membership. It must always be remembered that the Regiment is a collection of people. **We** are the Regiment, and all that is good about the Regiment comes from those who serve and have served within her ranks. While like any family, there may be aspects that are not liked by some family members, every member of the family can strengthen or weaken the fabric of the family through their own actions and attitude. From the inside looking out, I can see so much that is good about the Regiment and I encourage every Patricia, past and present to do what they can to strengthen that good. Always remember to do what is right.



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The PPCLI Association established the Volunteer Patricia Program in 2004 to help all members of the Regimental family adjust to retirement and the changes this brings. The Association's goal is to help you help yourself through the programs provided by Veterans' Affairs Canada, by DND and the Canadian Forces, by The Legion, and by other caregivers. Whether you are a soldier about to retire at the end of your service, are being retired because you can no longer serve, or if you are already retired, the Regimental Association is always there to help you.

If you would like more information on the program visit www.ppcli.com and follow the VPP prompts. You will find all the contacts you need there, or ask any Branch of the PPCLI Regimental Association or RHQ for information on the support the Association can offer you and your family.

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Regimental Headquarters

Responsibilities

Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment.

Regimental Headquarters is responsible for:

- being the Secretariat of the Regiment and the PPCLI Association;
- accounting for Regimental Funds;
- operation of the Regimental Kit Shop and Warehouse;
- operation of the Regimental Museum and Archives;
- editing and publishing all Regimental publications including:
 - the Association Newsletter;
 - The Patrician and;
 - the Regimental Manual.
- liaison between Regimental soldiers, veterans, units and Association branches;
- maintenance of all Regimental and Association files:
 - funerals;
 - visits;
 - protocol.
- and a variety of other tasks assigned by or on behalf of the Regimental Council.



Regimental Gratuities

Unit OPIs and ERE Regional Representatives are to immediately advise RHQ by e-mail, fax, or message of Patricias who are on release or remuster. In order to prepare the applicable gratuities, RHQ needs the following particulars: name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, approved release/retirement/remuster date, and forwarding address. The OPI shall provide a contact phone number to RHQ, and the proposed date of presentation of the gratuities if known. This is based on the member participating in the Voluntary Contribution Program.

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Secretary	Maj. E.A. Giraldeau, CD (Regimental Major)

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Staff at the PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives have been focusing on collections management over the past year. Due to current renovation plans underway at the Museum of the Regiments, it will be necessary to move the entire artefact collection into the basement. Phase I of the artefact storage move was completed in December 2004 and involved moving basement cage storage items to another section of the basement. Moving costs will be covered in part by grants from Museums Alberta and the Directorate of History and Heritage. Renovations, which were initially planned for the spring of 2004, will begin in January 2005. The renovation plans include the laying of a cement floor and installation of proper temperature and humidity controls. Phases II and III of the move will commence later on in 2005 once the new storage area is complete and has been allowed to cure.

In anticipation of the move, WO Wanvig is conducting a detailed inventory of all artefacts. We now have over 9,000 artefacts entered onto the InMagic database and are working towards attaching images to each artefact record. Certain items have been identified as excess to the permanent collection and will become part of the traveling exhibit and educational programs.

A display featuring the Sicily / Italy campaigns of World War Two was installed at Vimy Ridge Academy in Edmonton in August 2004, and includes photo boards and a wide variety of artefacts from the Second World War. Items for exhibit purposes were also loaned to 1 PPCLI, the Recruitment Centre, the Museum of the Regiment's "Peacekeeping" Exhibit, Mewburn Veteran's Centre and CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum.



The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 250 artefacts and archival items during 2004, for a total value of approximately \$60,000. The most notable acquisitions were the medals, uniforms and accoutrements of Major General N. Wilson-Smith and two original oil paintings that were presented to the Haig family by Princess Patricia in 1919. Two sets of First World War letters were also added to the Regimental Archives.

Although the Museum endeavors to install a new exhibit or exhibit feature each year, many of the existing exhibits have remained unchanged for many years. In 2005 we plan to upgrade the First World War and Airborne exhibits and to install four new display cases featuring Peacekeeping operations and recent acquisitions. A smaller, scaled down Colonels of the Regiment / Colonels-in-Chief exhibit will also be installed. Research will also begin on a new "Home Front" Exhibit, scheduled for 2006 to replace Princess Patricia's Wedding Exhibit.


A black and white advertisement for BJ Services Company. On the left, there is a photograph of a soldier in a military uniform, looking upwards and holding a rifle. On the right, there is a large image of an oil rig structure. The text "Fostering Community Spirit..." is written in a cursive font across the middle. The BJ Services Company logo is prominently displayed on the right. Below the logo, the text "BJ Services Company is proud to support the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry" is written. At the bottom right, the text "the way in the Oil and Gas Services Industry" is visible.

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RETIREMENTS

The following soldiers of the Regiment have taken their retirement after 20 years (or more) of dedicated and loyal service:

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Col J. Turner, CD
 Maj G.R.J. Carter, CD
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MWO C.N. Boulter, CD (retired in 2003)
 MWO B.D. Gates, CD
 MWO E.D. Whitebone, CD

MWO J.J. Carmody, CD
 MWO D.J. Schaffel, CD

WO B.M. Breustedt, CD
 WO W.A. Jure, CD
 WO D.P. Marshall, CD
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 WO D.R. Weathers, CD

WO E.J. Gebhardt, CD
 WO G.F. Kelln, CD
 WO E. McCutcheon, MB, CD
 WO J.H. Wiebe, CD

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 Sgt B.J. Weatherbie, CD

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Order of Military Merit (rank held at time of appointment)

LCol S.M. Bryan - appointed as an Officer

Maj D.R. Drew - appointed as an Officer

MWO P. Bonneville - appointed as a Member

Meritorious Service Medal

LCol S.J. Sharpe - outstanding leadership and professionalism demonstrated as Commanding Officer of the Liaison and Reconnaissance team and then Chief of Staff of the theatre activation team for OP ATHENA, ISAF in Kabul, Afghanistan, Apr - Jul 03

United States Army Infantry's Order of Saint Maurice

MWO J. Butters - for significant contribution to the promotion of the Infantry

Canadian Decoration

General A.J.G.D. de Chastelain was presented his 3rd Clasp to his CD in recognition of 42 years, 297 days of honourable service in Her Majesty's Canadian Forces

Chief of Defence Staff Commendation

Capt A.P. Watson - for his impressive accomplishments as Civil/Military Cooperation Officer with 3 PPCLI BG during OP APOLLO deployment in Afghanistan Feb - Jun 02

WO G.W. Key - for his professionalism and skill as Kitchen Officer for 3 PPCLI BG during OP APOLLO deployment in Afghanistan Feb - Jun 02

MCpl G.C. Toth - professionalism and dedication demonstrated in response to a fatal vehicle accident in Kananaskis, AB 21 Jun 02

Pte R.M. Biggar - professionalism and dedication demonstrated in response to a fatal vehicle accident in Kananaskis, AB 21 Jun 02

Commander Land Force Command Commendation

Maj S. Bland - 3 PPCLI Rear Party Commanding Officer during 3 PPCLI OP APOLLO deployment

Maj N. Martyn - CLS/SLS for production of the Planning Operations Logistics and Readiness Information System (POLARIS)

Capt G. Zilkalns - 3 PPCLI Operations Captain during 3 PPCLI OP APOLLO deployment

Sgt E. Parolin - CLS/DLR for the outstanding work in the development of operational clothing and equipment

Regimental Achievement Awards

Capt K.J. Schamuhn - 1st place on Mountain Man 2004

Capt D.A. Tedford - US Ranger Course Honour Graduate

MCpl L.A. Lotocki - Top Candidate EME QL 6A Course

MCpl A.B. Verzyl - Outstanding Athleticism

MCpl D.L. Woods - Top Candidate Leopard Maintenance Course

Cpl S.R. Deweert - Top Candidate Data Comms Maintenance Course

Cpl M.R. Frank - Top Candidate Infantry Sect 2I/C Course

Cpl J.M. Hertwig-Jaksch - Outstanding Athleticism

Cpl J.S. McCready - Top Candidate PLQ 0401

Cpl R.H. Schulz - Top Candidate PLQ 0308

Cpl S.E. Stratford - Top Candidate PLQ 0402

Cpl B.A. Weigelt - Outstanding Athleticism

Regimental Commendations

Sgt J.M. Chabot - Artistically portraying the Regiment in a professional manner
 Cadet WO C. Atkinson - Displaying courage and initiative in a life threatening situation

Certificates of Appreciation

Sgt J.J. Coupal - Displaying professionalism while operating the 3rd Bn Canteen
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 2901 RCACC - Estevan Cadets Pipes and Drums Band in support of the Regiment's 90th Anniversary

Tattoo

Tattoo is defined as "beat of drum or bugle call, at 10:00 p.m. recalling soldiers to quarters." The term originated in the 17th century Holland, from the Dutch words "tap toe", meaning, "turn off the spigot". This was the hour at which innkeepers had to stop serving soldiers and send them on their way back to billets. To announce, "tap toe" a Sergeant and a guard of soldiers with drummers would march through the tavern district, rounding up the troops and sending them to quarters. Any innkeeper who failed to cooperate would find his establishment placed off-limits to soldiers, resulting in a severe loss of trade. Any soldiers found outside after "tap toe" were jailed. This practice gradually evolved taking on the modern meaning of a military public display featuring bands, drill, and demonstration.



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1 PPCLI IN 2004

2004 was the 90th anniversary of the PPCLI, and, like the 89 years before it, it was a busy, demanding, and rewarding year. The successful celebrations marking our 90th year of service were highlighted by a Better 'Ole, the Freedom of the City of Edmonton Parade, and the succession of CWO Mike Williams by CWO Randy Northrup as 1 PPCLI's RSM.

This past fall, LCol Shandy Vida stepped down as the CO, and was succeeded by LCol Ian Hope. The First Battalion said a fond farewell to LCol Vida in a change of command ceremony in September. During his tenure, the battalion deployed on several key exercises, including Ex PATRICIA RAIDER, Ex SOUTHERN PATRICIA to the United States, and the work up training for Op ATHENA Roto 2. It was on these exercises that the battalion rebuilt itself, as new soldiers and new command teams gelled into an efficient fighting team. LCol Vida's time as CO was highlighted by Op PEREGRINE in August of 2003, when 1 PPCLI distinguished itself in fighting the BC Forest Fires. LCol Vida's sooty face and filthy coveralls were a testament to his personal drive and "lead from the front" leadership style.

LCol Hope assumed command just as the battalion was deploying on Ex PRAIRIE RAM, where the focus shifted gears back to mechanized operations.

A COY - RED DEVILS RULE 2004

2004 was another busy year for the Red Devils. The influx of BIQ-qualified troops in the spring meant a lot of training. Ex PATRICIA RAIDER and Ex SOUTHERN PATRICIA helped the new troops to feel more comfortable with their peers and learn other aspects of their profession. The patrolling phase during SOUTHERN PATRICIA was especially difficult as a big thunderstorm rendered movement difficult, and taught some new soldiers that they needed plastic bags in their rucksack!

Upon returning from Minnesota, we learned that A Coy would reinforce B Coy with a mech platoon for their deployment to Afghanistan. A Coy supported the training of OP ATHENA troops by running a Level 5 live fire exercise.

The A Coy PI in OP ATHENA arrived in Afghanistan in August. They accomplished numerous different tasks, including guarding the gate and acting as the QRF at Camp Julien, patrolling in the streets of, and the mountains around Kabul, and security tasks at



Kabul International Airport. After three months of hard work and without a lot of spare time, 4 PI returned to the Edmonton tundra in November.

In October, the remainder of A Coy deployed to Wainwright for Ex PRAIRIE RAM. For almost 70% of the Coy it was their first ever mechanized exercise. The first two weeks were dedicated to pairs, section and platoon live fire. The third week saw A Coy form a Combat Team with elements of LdSH(RC). In winter-like conditions, A Cbt Tm became very proficient, especially during their live fire trace. This exercise was key in building cohesion at the section level where young soldiers gained skill and confidence.

After the exercise, the Red Devils demonstrated their superiority in flag football. The A Coy flag football team played 3 PPCLI in the French Grey Cup. Last year, 3 VP won the Cup, so revenge was in our heads. After a hard fought game, decided by a field goal shoot out, A Coy victoriously won the Cup for 1 PPCLI.

With another busy year in view, we are looking at sharpening our skills and preparing ourselves for future operations. **RED DEVILS RULE THE GROUND!**



B COY - THE BULLDOGS IN AFGHANISTAN

While it's a cliché, 2004 was the proverbial "busiest year ever". The year began running courses for the PCF (Primary Combat Function) cycle in the early spring. No sooner were the Wainwright course deployments complete by mid-March 2004 than the company repacked their rucksacks and deployed on Ex PATRICIA RAIDER. For many new soldiers to the company, the first dismounted patrol exercise in nearly half a year reintroduced the concept of light infantry - with both heavy rucks and extended marches. Few members of B Coy will ever forget the massive snowstorm that preceded the final company raid. After PATRICIA RAIDER, the company received word that they would deploy on Op ATHENA Roto 2 to Afghanistan. After the initial excitement, a whirlwind of exercises and training, including Ex SOUTHERN PATRICIA in the US, Ex BULLDOG WARRIOR, PST (peace support training), TMST (Theatre Mission Specific Training), and the final confirmatory exercise filled the months of April, May, and June. With 4 PI from A Coy, the Bulldogs were in Kabul by August.



The deployment was challenging, especially with the high task load in theatre. The tasks included helping train the Afghan army, providing force protection for Camp Julien, and providing a QRF for TF Kabul. Initially based on a three-platoon organization, 4 Platoon was redeployed back to Canada after the Mission Drawdown Team task was concluded in early November. They finished their tour with a long-range dismounted platoon size patrol in the surrounding mountains of Southern Kabul. Other highlights of the tour included an aggressive patrol schedule throughout Kabul, the occasional deployment of the QRF, and other unique tasks that came our way. Op ATHENA Roto 2 provided soldiers of B Coy a unique opportunity to see a different part of the world, refine their night fighting skills, participate in a huge multi-national operation, and contribute to a safe and secure environment in Afghanistan.

The Coy will be seeing many changes in the future upon its return to Canada, including a turnover of OC, CSM, and 2IC. It has been fast paced, exciting, and successful two years for the Bulldogs - not bad for a sub-unit that only stood up again in May 2003.

C COY - THE BEARS HUNGRY FOR MORE

The Charlie Company Bears came out of hibernation in 2004 ready for the challenging year ahead. January and February saw C Company training its soldiers in winter warfare skills and live fire proficiency for the upcoming SOVOP, Ex SOVEREIGN PATRICIA.

In March, C Company deployed on the SOVOP to Inuvik, NWT, where it exercised dismounted in the adverse conditions above the Arctic Circle. We conducted live fire platoon raids, survival training, and a composite platoon trekked by LOSV from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk on the Beaufort Sea. Regimental Day was celebrated with a variety of activities in Inuvik, including being hosted by Canada's northernmost Legion, McInnes Branch 220.

After redeployment, the company had six days to conduct work-up MOUT training to prepare for Exercise SOUTHERN PATRICIA at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. Training on the exercise included rappelling, obstacle courses, a live fire shoot house, level 3 FIBUA with simmunition and MILES, and company dismounted force-on-force patrolling, which culminated in a dry raid.



In June, C Coy HQ, with composite platoons from A and C Coy, were tasked as the OPFOR for Ex BLINDING STORM, the largest Marine exercise in the United States since 1996. In Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the company conducted defensive and patrolling ops using a variety of American and Soviet equipment, including AAVs, T-72s, BMP-2s, and Mi-24 Hind-Ds. C Coy's high level of performance was noted by all exercise participants, including the British, Dutch, and French.

In the fall, there were several changes in the coy's leadership. Maj Todd Strickland turned over the coy to Maj Erik Liebert, MWO Shaun Stevens replaced MWO Tim Penney as the CSM, and WO Tim Turner became the new CQ, taking over from WO Jim Vigue. The company participated in JCATS exercises, conducted MLOC/IBTS training, and deployed on Exercise PRAIRIE RAM. This exercise took place throughout October and focused on live fire training, including the combat team level. The exercise was a challenge for all as most soldiers were fresh from BIQ, and it was the first time the company had worked with its LAVs in over a year.

In early December, C Company participated in Exercise POLAR STRIKE II, which included support weapons ranges, mechanized live fire section attacks, and a live platoon ambush. The training conducted on Exercise PRAIRIE RAM was evident as the sections displayed cohesion, confidence, and proficiency in their drills.

As 2005 approaches, the C Company Bears remain poised, ready for any challenge that lies ahead. MAUL 'EM GRIZZLIES!



CBT SP COY - THE MORE THINGS CHANGE....

2004 was a busy year for Combat Support Company. It began the year under the command of Major AJ Lutes and MWO Shaun Stevens, but command changed over to Capt Wade Englesby and MWO Paul Wiseman in the summer.

Recce Platoon ran a Basic Recce course, after which the majority of the successful candidates joined in the platoon. The platoon acted as enemy force for the patrolling phase of Ex SOUTHERN PATRICIA, during which they were able to leave their mark on the companies. Recce Platoon underwent drastic structural changes due to the loss of the Coyotes.

Anti-Armour platoon ran a Basic TOW Gunner serial, and subsequently received an influx of new members. The platoon acted as support staff for the majority of the Battalion exercises, but earned their time in the spotlight during the Army Direct Fire System trials that took place in WATC from 2-8 Nov 04. AAP will join the LdSH(RC) in April 2005, to form the base for the Army's new TOW Company.

The sniper section ran a Basic Sniper Course, followed by a detachment's deployment to Op ATHENA in September. The remainder of the section participated in Ex SURE SHOT, which provided beneficial training to the Battalion's snipers. Section members placed 11th out of 24 teams in the Annual Sniper Concentration in Gagetown; including placing 2nd in the pistol competition, 2nd place in the long range competition, and they won the Sgt Rob Short memorial trophy.

Signals Platoon maintained a hectic pace supporting the large number JCATS and field exercises, including Ex's SOUTHERN PATRICIA and PRAIRIE RAM. The most notable challenge this year was the implementation of the Situational Awareness System during field training.

The MP section underwent a significant command change with the replacement of the sheriff and the 2IC. The section members maintained a high pace of activity by participating in nearly all of the Battalion exercises and a number of courses, including the Task Force Anti-Terrorism course.



The things soldiers will do for fresh rations

ADMIN COY - C/S EIGHT IS ENOUGH

Where would Captain Kirk be without Scotty fixing the dilithium crystals, and Bones finding miracle cures? Do you think Moses planned the Exodus all by himself? Napoleon didn't cook the food to fill the stomachs his armies marched on. And someone orders all of Batman's wonderful toys. The man in the spotlight might get the glory, but it's the people in the background, Unnamed Worker #1 in the script, who make it all happen.

Admin Coy wears that anonymity with pride when the rest of the battalion heads out the door, kitted and fitted, ready to fight. With 2004's hectic pace, Admin Coy proved its worth once again as a crucial component of 1 PPCLI's fighting ability under Maj Don Furuness and his successor, Maj Todd Strickland.

With ample opportunity to train, Admin Coy focussed on getting itself ready to operate in a tactical environment. Through exercises in both Wainwright and the United States, a lot of the issues regarding the protection of the A Echelon, convoy protection, tactical re-supply, and tactical delivery of services (i.e. vehicle recovery) were worked out. To their credit, the soldiers of Admin Coy, regardless of cap badge, all bought in, and made the training successful. From Tn PI bailing out of trucks "under fire" to fight back, to Supply

Techs and the "Combat Clerks" providing security at DPs, to Maintainers tactically recovering HLVW's, and the UMS' mass casualty events, Admin Coy drove it to become a sub-unit that can provide robust CSS support and look after itself.

There were also the lighter moments that make the 20th day in the field seem okay. The Maintainers recovered CSM Zack twice during a blackout drive trace, for which he thanked them with - ahem - grace and quiet humility (as the "circus clowns" of the Husky can attest). C/S 8 was often decorated after all night duty shifts with portraits of various Admin Coy personnel, including a masterpiece of Capt George Boyuk looking fetching in a Superman leotard. Finally, there was the acquisition of The Cappuccino Maker by QM PI for C/S 8, in defiance of the supply system's now-infamous No Frivolous Demands edict.



One of the major projects that Admin Coy undertook was the construction of the Better 'Ole for the 90th Anniversary celebrations. With MWO Ken Zack as the driving force, Admin Coy turned the 1 PPCLI vehicle bay into one of the best Better 'Oles in memory. The sandbagged gun emplacements, medical stations, mechanic work bays, and vintage army vehicles created a great atmosphere for the social events of the weekend.

Admin Coy has no nifty nickname, no catchy motto or hip credo. But, the engines get fixed, the bandages are applied, the supplies go forward, and everyone gets fed. If no one says anything about us, then we've done our job. And this year, it was pretty quiet.





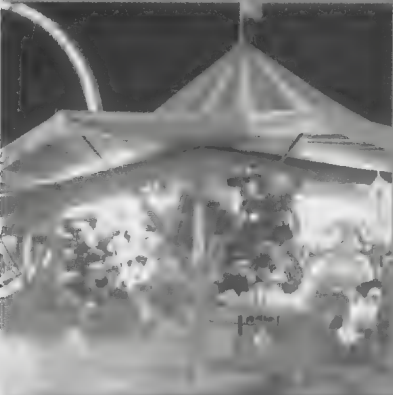
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2 PPCLI in 2004

2004 was a historic year for the Second Battalion. After almost 34 years in Winnipeg, the unit picked up and moved to its new home at CFB Shilo. As with anything of this magnitude, an incredible amount of planning and preparation was involved. Starting in early Spring, the unit began posting soldiers to Shilo. This initial trickle gradually developed into a constant flow with the bulk of the main body moving over the July/August timeframe and culminated with the final move of the unit's vehicles, materiel and equipment following the Labour Day weekend. By the end of October, the unit was well settled into its new state-of-the-art facility.



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The significance of the move was reflected in the impressive ceremonial activities conducted at both ends. In Winnipeg, the weekend of 18-20 June saw the Battalion say farewell to Winnipeg, KapYong Barracks and its Commanding Officer, LCol Mike Day. Activities included a Family Day, a Sunset Ceremony, a Freedom of the City Parade and a Battalion Social. It was a fitting way to mark the Battalion's departure as well as the Regiment's 90th Anniversary. The presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen (Ret'd) Bob Stewart, who started his Regimental service with 2 PPCLI, made it all the more poignant. At the other end, on 13 November the new Commanding Officer, LCol Stuart Sharpe, and the Battalion, formally opened the new KapYong Barracks in Shilo. The day started with B Company parading in downtown Brandon as that city formally welcomed the Battalion. Activities then shifted to CFB Shilo where Commander LFWA, BGen Stu Beare presided over the opening ceremonies.

As expected, 2 PPCLI carried on with the normal gamut of training activities throughout the year. Yet again the Second walked away from Exercise STRONG CONTENDER with the Major Unit Aggregate trophy. Every Battalion team clinched a playoff berth, with the soccer squad winning gold. Volleyball, floor hockey and ice hockey each took silver, and broomball captured bronze. The unit conducted some challenging winter patrol training, participated in a Partnership for Peace exercise in the Ukraine, sent a team off to the Cambrian Patrol Competition in the UK and finally provided the range safety and staff for Exercise PRAIRIE RAM in October. All in all 2004 was quite a memorable year for the Second Battalion!



A Company

A Company was kept busy in the months and weeks before the move. The Company deployed to Shilo in March for Ex SPRING DEVIL, a winter skills and patrolling exercise focused at the junior leadership and new soldiers. The exercise culminated with Lt Alex Sung and WO Shane Pollock leading a successful raid against a challenging objective.

The Company supplied the majority of participants for Ex MAPLE ARCH, a Partnership for Peace exercise in the Ukraine. The aim of MAPLE ARCH was to assist the other participating countries (Ukraine, Poland & Lithuania) in developing their doctrine for

Peace Support Operations. The team departed Winnipeg on 23 June, and after crossing many time-zones, experiencing numerous layovers, customs delays, lost luggage, and a late-night bus ride, finally arrived at the Yavoriv Training Center in western Ukraine. The first two days involved orientation and acclimatization, allowing troops to get comfortable with the camp and its environs, and most importantly, the local food and drink. On day three, soldiers began the task of delivering lectures and conducting demonstrations on various peace support techniques. Following a five-day confirmatory exercise, the team redeployed to Canada and after joining the Battalion in Shilo, welcomed a new command team under Major Dave Beyer and MWO John Hooyer.



B Company

B Coy began the year by filling the tasking bill and trying to fit in as much training as possible before the move. Anyone not involved as an instructor or candidate on a PCF course was occupied with low-level training spanning navigation practice to NBC refresher classes. The Company began to lose soldiers to Shilo in April/May, and the ranks thinned dramatically over the ensuing months. Following the farewell ceremonies in June, the Company scaled back to a skeleton crew.

With a collective change of address, there were also accompanying changes to key leadership appointments. Major Tim McLeod assumed command upon arrival in Shilo. MWO Chris Waugh, already in Shilo since 2001 as the point man for the Battalion for the new facility, happily took on more traditional responsibilities as CSM. More significantly, perhaps, the platoons witnessed the arrival of many new recruits, giving the Company a fresh, youthful look. As summer progressed and the unit stood-up in Shilo, a number of B Company soldiers were heavily involved in training for the Annual Mountain Man Competition. To his credit, Pte Penner of B Company had the best result for 2 PPCLI, finishing 8th overall.

B Company has actively integrated into the West-Man community. The Company conducted a LAV III Roll Through of Brandon in September, joined Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Carberry Legion, and paraded in front of Brandon City Hall for the official welcome of the Battalion in November. Since the hectic administrative summer and fall, the Company has refocused itself on tactical training, and is as busy as ever soldiering forward.



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C Company

Upon completion of the winter PCF cycle, C Company began a three-week patrol school, culminating in Ex ICY PATRICIA, a four-day patrol exercise held at Shilo. The exercise allowed corporals and privates to gain experience acting as patrol commanders. The exercise culminated with a successful dawn raid on an enemy defensive position.

Company preparations for the move to Shilo began in April with the packing and preparation of vehicles and equipment. Personnel began moving in late May and by August, the move was complete and life was returning to normal. The Company was put back together with Maj John Reiffenstein as the OC and WO Shaun Lewis moving up from CQMS to assume the position of CSM.



Nine C Company soldiers participated in the Mountain Man Challenge in early September. Although the weather conditions were abysmal, all members put forward an excellent showing with Lt Johnston, Sgt Silver and Cpl Bowes being awarded silver medals.

C Company was tasked with representing the Battalion in the Cambrian Patrolling competition. The team trained intensively in Canada before facing the real challenge in the mountainous Welsh terrain of the Brecon Beacons, an area renowned for its cruel weather, rugged ground and staggering changes in elevation. Of 98 teams starting the exercise, less than half finished. The C Company team soldiered hard and came away with a well-earned bronze standing.

C Company proved highly successful in a variety of sports and competitive events throughout the year, taking first place during the CFB Shilo Pioneer Days and defeating Combat Support Company to win the Annual French Grey Cup. 7 Platoon represented the Company in The Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms competition achieving 57 out of a possible 80 points.

Combat Support Company

2004 saw the Company lose yet another platoon, as Anti-Armour was stood down. Upon reorganizing, most AAP soldiers remained within the Company. During the Farewell to

Winnipeg ceremonies, Combat Support was responsible for the Sunset Ceremony Parade held downtown at the Forks. The event featured a Native American smudging ceremony, a Korean Community demonstration, and performances by various military bands. The highlight of course was the precision drill of the Colour Party and two 30-man Guards on parade.

Firm in Shilo, Combat Support HQ underwent a major overhaul. New OC Maj Nick Grimshaw was joined by CSM Rick Dumas, as well as a new 2IC, CQMS, Ops O, Trg O, IO, Int WO, and Clerk. The move to Shilo was a tremendous leap forward placing the company all under a single roof. The proximity to both the Shilo training area and the Multi-Purpose Training Facility will serve to increase training opportunities.



Combat Support was tasked with the construction and safety of combat team ranges during Ex PRAIRIE RAM in Wainwright. This included the construction of dry and live fire combat team traces, as well as the overall range safety. Rolling behind the combat teams as safety staff allowed soldiers an excellent opportunity to see the firepower and shock action of a combat team.

Combat Support had a successful year on the fields of friendly sporting strife. Under the leadership and strong arm of MCpl Pachal, the Company finished second in the French Grey Cup, losing a heartbreaker in the finals. The Combat Support hockey team continues to steamroll over inter-section competition.

Though the year was busy, the pace will not slow. Recce and Signals Platoons will be looking at techniques, tactics, and procedures as Recce Platoon takes possession of the G-Wagon, and Signals Platoon continues to master LFC2IS.

Administration Company

Administration Company has always been busy, and 2004 was no exception. Great challenges included move preparations, the move itself and the transition to operational training that began immediately upon arrival in Shilo.

Time in Winnipeg prior to the move was short and hectic. First, a changing of the guard occurred as Maj Mike Gagne took over the reins as OC, with MWO James Zelazny assuming the CSM job. QM Platoon was divided into two halves. While QM Winnipeg was supporting the Battalion and preparing for the move, QM Advance Party was supporting new recruits and honing their scrounging skills in Shilo. The maintainers put in some



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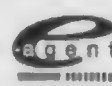
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serious wrench time preparing the entire vehicle fleet for its new home. Transport had its hands full preparing road move orders and convincing 17 Wing Winnipeg just how many trailers and flat beds were needed to move our assets. Everywhere in the Battalion, CQ stores were being cracked open like ancient tombs, and wonderful long lost treasures were uncovered.

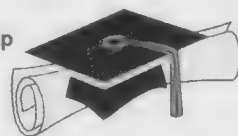
Things were incredibly intense in May and June for the Move Cell, as a year's worth of planning was put to the test. Managing chaos and confusion was routine as they balanced the needs of the Battalion's members and families, the sub-units, direction given by the CO, and CF and outside agencies' policies and procedures. By 31 August, the Move Cell transitioned into Battalion Rear Party, and dealt with the handover of the old KapYong Barracks.



During Moving Day for Battalion major equipment, the Maint O and TO held their collective breaths praying for no breakdowns. As trailers and low beds arrived with the companies stores, soldiers swarmed around them to offload. Maintenance Platoon zipped around in forklifts unloading trailers and the UTWO, WO Tony Whittall, tried to keep track of the DAs. Within a week the battalion was fully functional. Sooner than expected, it was business as usual in Shilo.

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In Memoriam

Regrettably, our year was not without sadness. On 10 October, Pte Martin McGillivary of 4 Platoon, B Company, lost his life in a motor vehicle accident. Pte McGillivary, originally from The Pas, Manitoba joined the Canadian Forces at the age of 26 after speaking with members of his community who had served in the CF. Following basic training, he joined the Second Battalion and during his time with the unit, saw overseas service in Bosnia. He was a fine soldier and a family man who was well respected by his peers, family and friends. The funeral service for Pte McGillivary was held on 16 October in The Pas. Martin's family and friends were supported by a Funeral Guard from the Second Battalion, manned mainly by his peers from B Company. All those who knew Martin will miss him.





THIRD BATTALION

In 2004, the Third Battalion finally completed its long period of reconstitution and rebuilding. The early part of the year saw company-level deployments to Fort Lewis, Washington to conduct urban warfare training, and to Fort Benning, Georgia to complete the Defence and Research Development Canada's (DRDC) experimental series. The Battalion entered its training phase on the Friday afternoon before Spring Break and was declared operationally ready in the Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) role only one month later. Not surprisingly, the Battalion spent most of the spring in Wainwright developing its collective warfighting skills, which culminated in a live-fire company group range. Concurrent to its NEO training, the Battalion provided 41 personnel for Operation ATHENA Rotation 2 including, a 28-man reconnaissance platoon, Embedded Training Team (ETT) elements, and individual augmentees. Immediately prior to summer block leave, the Battalion conducted a Change of Command whereby Lieutenant Colonel Mike Beaudette relinquished command to Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Eyre. At the same time, Chief Warrant Officer Chris White took over as the new Regimental Sergeant Major from CWO Alain Comeau.

After a well deserved summer leave, the unit returned to an ambitious collective training schedule. Following a challenging airborne company-group exercise in September, the parachute role was officially transferred from A Company to C Company. Exercise COMPLEX WARRIOR 02/04 was a company-group level urban warfare training event emphasizing live CQB and collective warfighting in complex terrain. Between September and November, each Rifle Company Group deployed sequentially to complete their fifteen-day training packages. A Company then supported Ex PRAIRIE RAM, and B Company assisted in the stand-up of the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center's (CMTC) Weapons Effects Simulation (WES) system. The Battalion then deployed into Wainwright for Exercise SPARTAN SHIELD - a five-day Battalion-level defensive exercise. The final event in a busy year was a memorable one: the Officers demolished the Senior NCOs at the Christmas hockey game, *again*.

A Company

As is customary for all Patricias, 2004 was another successful "full throttle" year for A Company. The year was full of courses, training and exercises; all which kept the Company ready to go almost anywhere and do almost anything. It also saw changes in the Company chain of command: Capt Frederickson took over from Capt McLoughlin as 2IC,

and MWO Murphy took over from MWO Brunelle as CSM. The year began with IBTS training in Edmonton and a beautiful springtime visit to Wainwright (which means: be prepared for every type of weather imaginable) to conduct section and platoon live-fire attacks followed by company-level dry training. On return to Edmonton, the Company went right into an aggressive round of training to fulfill its NEO task.



In May, the Company practiced offensive operations at all levels using MILES gear that culminated in a Company attack on a prepared defensive position in Wainwright. The end of May saw the Company training for crowd control operations and the use of non-lethal force. Since A Company also provided their own enemy force, the video for this event looked a little like "beat your buddy with a stick day." In the end, the crowd control training was extremely worthwhile and, as a result, A Company demonstrated their newfound techniques to the rest of the Battalion.

June started with A Company returning to a now somewhat warmer Wainwright to conduct two exercises: the first was a detachment-level patrolling exercise led by unsuspecting Cpls and Snr Ptes against British troops training in Wainwright, and the second was a company-level live-fire range. This was followed by Ex PATRICIA RESCUE II, where A Company demonstrated their skill and professionalism by supporting the training of C Company, who were preparing to take over the NEO function for the Battalion.

For A Company, the summer of 2004 was summarized with two words: "Urban Operations." Training started in July with the Company focusing on developing individual through to platoon-level skills. The month ended with Ex QUICK STRIKE, which

incorporated both a jump and an attack on an urban site at the Garrison. Following block leave, the Company began using simunition to re-enforce their drills and training, which culminated in the deployment to Fort Lewis for Ex COMPLEX WARRIOR. For many, this was the highlight of the year. The Company's soldiers had a blast doing CQB in the "kill houses," and went on to both Regensburg and Lechi Town Urban Warfare sites to practise section to company-sized attacks both by day and by night. The highlight of this activity was each platoon's turn in their own little "Black Hawk Down" scenario complete with Oscar winning performances by WO Denkowycz and Recce Platoon. The realism, size and complexity of Lechi Town made it an outstanding tool in developing the skills and abilities of everyone from Riflemen to the OC.



A Company returned to Canada, and immediately began preparations to support the Ex PRAIRIE RAM in Wainwright and once again enjoyed its beautiful weather. In November, the Company was involved in Ex JOINT RESPONSE (where Lt Buttons got his CAX jump wings) followed by the Company's return to Wainwright, this time to decent weather, to conduct Ex SPARTAN SHIELD. The year ended with the Silly Season, where troops participated in Menton Days in Fort Lewis, annual briefings, and the usual holiday routine of festivities, hockey games and the Men's Christmas Dinner. Overall, it was a very busy year but one that the troops of A Company enjoyed immensely.



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B Company

2004 saw B Company significantly improve its combat capability, especially in urban warfare. The first half of the year was occupied with two PCF course cycles to bring our new recruits up to speed and an urban warfare training exercise in Ft Lewis. During the summer, Maj Lutes took over as the new OC from the departing Maj Dawe.

As fall rolled around, the company again deployed to Ft Lewis for round two of Ex COMPLEX WARRIOR. After a two-day bus ride, with a night in Kamloops that was more memorable for some than others, we arrived in Ft Lewis. The exercise involved training from individual to company level and we sought to improve on the skills already learned during the first deployment. This time, however, much of the leadership within the company had changed including the OC and several Platoon Commanders. Although there was a steep learning curve for the new personnel, by the end of the training the phrase "DO IT" could be heard over the company net followed shortly afterwards by "Building Secure".



After Ft Lewis, B Company participated in Ex QUANTUM LEAP in Wainwright, the System Acceptance Trials (SAT) for the new WES equipment. This exercise allowed the Company to practice platoon and company-level operations with added realism not available using conventional dry-training methods. During the trial, personnel from CMTC were constantly seeking feedback on the equipment. WO Surridge, among others, took up this task and eloquently described to the CMTC staff how to make the system more realistic and more soldier-friendly.

The final part of the year saw the company leave behind the high-tech world of urban combat and laser tag, and return to more traditional training: trench digging, wire obstacles and HMG sighting. Ex SPARTAN SHIELD, a five-day battalion exercise, involved the company occupying a defensive position in Wainwright. During this exercise, Mother Nature cooperated with us, dropping to well below 0(C and ensuing that sentries (and the rest of us) remained awake. Lt Thomas, the acting Company 2IC, took it upon himself to ensure that the heater in the company lItis remained functional throughout this challenging exercise. As B Company heads into another year, we are well prepared for the new challenges that lie ahead, whatever, and where ever, they may be.

C Company

Flexibility was the key to 2004 for C Company. This year featured changes to the command structure with the departure of OC Maj Mills, 2IC Capt Peck and CSM Carmody,

and the arrival of OC Maj Barr, 2IC Capt Ritchie, and CSM Meier. The Company assumed responsibility for the NEO task and the company parachute capability. C Company participated on multiple exercises and training events, and provided instructors for schools across the country. Needless to say, it was a hectic, challenging, and rewarding year for the entire company.

The first major exercise of 2004 was Ft Benning Experiment Series 7 (FBES 7), an exercise where C Company deployed to Ft Benning Georgia to support DRDC, with a view to trialing and evaluating new light infantry kit. The training combined MOUT and patrolling operations up to platoon-level using various planning, communication, command and control, navigation, and target acquisition equipment. The exercise also tested the ability of the chain of command and the soldiers to employ the 13-man, 8-man, and 4-man section structures within a platoon context. FBES 7 was an outstanding opportunity to utilize the US Army's facilities, get a sneak prevue of what equipment is coming to the infantry, and to practise section and platoon operations.



The next major exercises for C Company were conducted in rapid succession. Ex PATRICIA RESPONSE and Ex PATRICIA RESCUE were both conducted to prepare the C Company Group to assume the NEO Task. Ex PATRICIA RESPONSE was conducted at LFWA TC Wainwright, and was designed to validate the offensive capability of the platoons and the company group through live-fire training. Ex PATRICIA RESCUE was held in St Albert, and was a tactical NEO-specific operation where C Company deployed into an unstable region and extracted over 250 Canadian Entitled Personnel while dealing with local officials, angry protesters, and hostile rebels. The exercise challenged the Company's flexibility and set the conditions for successful employment within a NEO or Three Block War scenario.

The next major event for C Company was the transfer of the company parachute capability from A to C Company. The CO's intent was to demonstrate the ability to regenerate a parachute capable sub-unit. The rationale being, with conflicting operational and training requirements, it has become necessary for more than one company to be parachute capable in order to guarantee that a full company is ready for insertion at any time, in any location, on short notice. Hence, the parachute capability was shifted to C Company with a view to expanding the parachute expertise within 3 PPCLI and increasing the number of experienced jumpers available at any one time. C Company accepted the challenge and has perpetuated the high standards set by A Company.

With the handover of the company parachute capability, C Company deployed on Ex PEGASUS, a parachute-delivered combined-arms company-group exercise. This exercise was conducted at LFWA TC Wainwright using CC 130 platforms. The purpose of the exercise was to validate the company parachute capability within a collective training context, confirming its employability as an airborne force. The initial phase of the exercise was a seize and hold operation. Follow-on operations were subsequently initiated, including section-sized patrols and parachute delivered re-supply via CC 130. Ex PEGASUS concluded with an Engines Remain On (ERO) extraction via CC 130 from an austere airstrip. It was an excellent introduction to airborne operations for the company, and only increased the soldiers' appetite for more challenges of this kind.



C Company then participated in Ex COMPLEX WARRIOR and Ex SPARTAN SHIELD, Battalion initiatives that tested the soldiers on two very different skills. Ex COMPLEX WARRIOR saw C Company deploy to Ft Lewis Washington, as a component of a Battalion MOUT exercise, featuring live fire room clearing drills and entry drills, culminating with company-sized attacks in complex urban terrain. Next, Ex SPARTAN SHIELD took C Company to LFWA TC Wainwright yet again, assessing their skills in the defence. Fighting through the November cold in Wainwright, the soldiers of C Company practiced developing defensive positions, securing a bridge demolition guard, establishing a defensive routine, and finally withdrawing while under contact.

The final exercise of the year was Menton Days, a joint Canadian-American parachute activity in Ft Lewis, Washington designed to commemorate the disbandment of the First Special Service Force (FSSF). This was an outstanding opportunity for the soldiers to parachute, train, and socialize with the men currently serving in the First Special Forces Group (1 SFG).

Combat Support Company

As always, Combat Support Company conducted much of our training with the Rifle Companies. From running platoon attack ranges for A and B Company to planning, organizing, and running the pre-deployment training for Exercise COMPLEX WARRIOR, Combat Support Company's contributions were essential to the success of the Battalion's training.

Signal Platoon started 2004 by supporting Ex VIRTUAL RAM 04 by providing a Command Post and several operators. After a quiet Spring, Signal Platoon returned to hard

training in May and June. Exercise PATRICIA RESPONSE, the Battalion's NEO warfighting confirmation exercise, consisted of Company Group live-fire training in Wainwright. This exercise provided not only an excellent training opportunity for the Rifle Companies but also for Signal Platoon. Soldiers from the Platoon participated in various roles during this exercise ranging from Command Post operators right up to the Commanding Officer's Signaler. Exercise PATRICIA RESPONSE was definitely a highlight of the year. After conducting a Basic Comms course in August, elements of Signal Platoon moved south to Ft Lewis to establish a rear link with the Battalion in support of Exercise COMPLEX WARRIOR. In November, the Battalion deployed to Wainwright to conduct Exercise SPARTAN SHIELD. Signal Platoon deployed Call Sign 0 complete, as well as a small 9er TAC. All aspects of Signal Platoon were exercised throughout this exercise: 9er TAC, C/S 0, the line detachments, and the RRBs. On this exercise, many elements of the Battalion were well schooled in proper use of voice procedure by 0. In the end, 2004 was a busy year for Signal Platoon, both in the field and in garrison.

Recce Platoon started 2004 with a Basic Recce Patrolman course serial, which included a guided tour of western Canada. The course spent time training in Edmonton, Hinton, Kamloops, Chilliwack, and Comox in what was an excellent opportunity for the candidates to practice their newly acquired skills. Springtime found some of our members in Dundurn, either as candidates or as instructors on the Basic Sniper course. Following summer block leave, the Platoon, now reconstituted following the departure of the Op ATHENA personnel, organized and staffed a Patrol Pathfinder pre-course for candidates from across the Bde. In September and October, the Platoon concentrated on supporting the Rifle Companies while working on our own CQB skills during Exercise COMPLEX WARRIOR in Ft Lewis, WA. Our snipers also attended both Canadian Army and U.S. Army annual sniper concentrations in Gagetown and Ft Benning, GA respectively. In November, we participated in the WES trials in Wainwright in support of B Company. This was immediately followed by Ex SPARTAN SHIELD, which gave the newer members of the Platoon their first taste of Recce operations in support of the Battalion. Throughout the training year, the Platoon also participated in parachute training, taking every available opportunity to practice our static-line and freefall skills.



Over the past year, Direct Fire Support Platoon has gone through a period of much change. The Platoon started the year with a focus on anti-armour weapons: running a Basic TOW Gunner course and several ERYX Gunner courses. We ended the year preparing a QL 4 Machine Gun course. After the Winter PCF cycle, the Platoon participated in and supported the Battalion NEO readiness exercises. The Platoon provided detachments to take part in the training and key personnel to support the exercise validation. For most of the Fall, members of the Platoon were deployed to Ft Lewis,

Washington, to take part in Exercise COMPLEX WARRIOR. While exercising in a Company Group context, DFS machine gun detachments worked for all three of the Rifle Companies. DFS also supported the exercise by providing several NCOs to act as the training and safety cadre. In November, the Platoon deployed a detachment with B Company in support of the Systems Acceptance Trials in Wainwright for CMTC. In mid-November, for the first time since returning from Afghanistan, DFS Platoon deployed complete on exercise. During Exercise SPARTAN SHIELD, a Battalion defensive exercise held in Wainwright, the Platoon practiced operating independent machine gun teams in both mounted and dismounted configurations. The New Year will see DFS Platoon handing over the TOW task to the PPCLI-manned TOW Company in the LdSH(RC). As a result, this will be the last Patrician entry for the 3 PPCLI DFS Platoon as we will soon change our name to Weapons Platoon.



Op ATHENA

Reconnaissance Platoon was attached under operational command to the LdSH(RC) Recce Squadron for Op ATHENA Roto 2. They were tasked to provide the OC Recce Squadron with a light reconnaissance capability. Recce PI was re-configured from its traditional composition to a 28-patrolman platoon that looked more similar to a rifle platoon. The platoon had six 4-patrolman detachments and a small headquarters element. This proved to be frustrating at the beginning of the tour. The platoon had to get familiar not only with learning how they would work within an Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron, but they had to learn how we would operate with a reduced C2 element, with the loss of the second officer, and no embedded support; storesman, signaller, medics etc. Needless to say, the first month in theatre was a steep learning curve for all, but the differences in capabilities between infantry and armoured elements were quickly overcome.

The platoon's mission was to assist in establishing and maintaining a secure and stable environment within the KABUL AOO. They accomplished this by ensuring that we executed all assigned tasks by maintaining the OC's philosophy of fairness, utility of effort, protection of resolve, and above all respect for the Afghan people. The Platoon capitalized on the capabilities of other TFK/KMNB assets, to maximize the unique surveillance / reconnaissance capability inherent to our rotation. More importantly, the Platoon remained prepared to Force Project throughout the KABUL AOO for extended time periods. Over six months, it seemed that working 18 hours plus days was the norm in camp. The platoon

completed a total of 23 platoon/section level operations and nine squadron-level operations. They traveled throughout the Kabul province and operated in areas that coalition forces from the US lead Op ENDURING FREEDOM had not patrolled in over eight months. Needless to say, the platoon operated in close proximity to known Taliban and Al Qaeda forces.

After a long tour, the platoon is now in the process of commencing the relief-in-place with the incoming Recce Platoon. Relief-in-place is a more appropriate term to use than handover, because the platoon is conducting operations right up until the transfer of command authority. The platoon did not stop patrolling, but rather increased it during this vulnerable period. In a couple of weeks the platoon will be commencing its redeployment leave; leave that was well earned. Their dedication, professionalism and compassion towards the Afghani locals have made the Regiment proud.

Administration Company

Admin Company spent the year providing faithful and enthusiastic support to Rifle Company training activities. A small cadre deployed with B Company in February to Fort Lewis, WA. Once there, the TQMS spent a considerable amount of time at the Post Orderly Room - rumour has it she was 5'4", blond, about sixty years old... The spring was consumed with support to NEO-related warfighting training in Wainwright. As usual, Admin Company pulled out all of the stops to make sure hundreds of soldiers were fed, ammunition delivered, vehicles recovered, and ranges supported.

Over the summer, the Company welcomed the arrival of its new OC, Maj McKillop, who took over from Maj Hackett. The main effort of the Company quickly turned towards the UMS, as it became imperative to send Captain "Airborne Commando" Forestier, the unit MO, on just about every course in NATO. The Company also started preparing for a three-month deployment to Fort Lewis for the second part of Ex COMPLEX WARRIOR. This exercise demanded most of the Company's resources, including a skeleton orderly room and a robust supply and transportation element. Over the Fall, the QMSI discovered a few things about pant sizes, Sgt Coupal kept "accidentally" wandering into the men's showers, and the QM became the Battalion's "Krispy Kreme" Officer. Over the course of the exercise, the Company's soldiers and tradesmen distinguished themselves through their hard work and determination. Before redeploying, they were rewarded with a short R&R period in Seattle where several members of Log Platoon, who shall remain nameless, paid a memorable courtesy call on HMCS Calgary.

Although back in Canada, Admin Company did not have much time to rest. The Company deployed with the Battalion into Wainwright for Ex SPARTAN SHIELD. In this case, the echelons were exercised aggressively while supporting battalion defensive operations. As the members of Admin Company depart on Christmas leave, they are already looking forward to the challenges of the New Year.

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Western Area Training Centre

As is always the case, the Western Area Training Centre was an extremely busy corner of Alberta in 2004. The Training Companies were going flat out (except for OC B Coy) conducting a plethora of Basic Military Qualification (BMQ), Soldier Qualification (SQ), Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) courses, as well as running the Advanced Winter Warfare Course. The personnel in A Coy undertook a large portion of the instructor positions during this period of limited augmentation from 1CMBG. Others, on loan to B Coy for the CQCI course, were gone so long that they thought they could clear the company and train for Ultimate Fighting Challenge. Between Strong Contender and Old-timer Hockey, we occasionally saw our WO John Davis long enough to task him as course officer.

B Company had a good year, churning out hundreds of riflemen and a handful of snipers. It was a year of growth, with the posting in of several Patricia NCOs, bringing our strength in NCOs very close to that of a rifle company. Although we cover a broad spectrum of vintages and backgrounds, there is a solid core of graduates from Johnny Ianapa's School of Good Goes. Suffice to say that WO Ray Brodeur, WO Mark Pickford and Sgt "Kenny G" Smith (aka Jack Black) must have been excellent students.

If you like to travel to alleviate those domestic woes, but have had enough of the exotic six-month tours, then the Militia Training Support Centre (MTSC) just might be your cup of jo. In 2004, MTSC covered the expanses of Western Canada in an attempt to support Reserve collective training. More specifically, the Infantry Observer/Controller (O/C) team of MWO Jim Thurston and WO Gord Charlebois overcame inclement weather, unique terrain, and questionable training objectives to exercise their O/C skills and preach the After Action Review religion to the locals. In February, WO Charlebois sought out the assistance of WO Gord Hill to attend an airmobile exercise with the Rocky Mountain Rangers in Kamloops, which became a 26-hour route march in snowshoes. Where was MWO Thurston? He decided to attend a CPX in Calgary, asserting, "I've done plenty of that airborne stuff!" The next focus was LFWA Ex ACTIVE EDGE in August that was supported by many of the Patricias on the Base.



WATC welcomed Sgt Johnny Brogaard and Capt Craig Robertson from 2 PPCLI, Sgt Dan Eisan, Sgt Frank Keely, and Sgt Gerry Shaw from 1 PPCLI, Sgt Ron Gillis from CPC, Sgt Shane Woods from 3 PPCLI, Capt Steve Folkins from CFSME (Gagetown) and Capt Bob Saunders from 1 CRPG. We also bade farewell to Sgt Zack Kerr posted to 1 PPCLI, WO Mike Brown and WO Bob Fribance posted to 2 PPCLI, Sgt Gerry Murphy, Sgt Dan Schmidt and Maj Dave McKillop posted to 3 PPCLI. WO Ken Ryan moved from A Coy to Standards, Sgt Dan McLean moved from A Coy to Ops and Trg, Maj Doug Oliphant took command of A Coy with MWO Jim Thurston as his Company Sergeant-Major, and WO Jim Therrien who has retired to the Calgary area.



WATC challenges remain training the Nintendo Generation to the high standard we all want within the constraints of time, money, ammo, and the ever-present limits reflected in the latest version of our TPs. Best of luck to all Patricias in 05.

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Left to Right: Sgt Mead, MWO Chase, LCol Hofman, Maj Furuness, MCpl Cheeseman, Capt Darras. Missing: Maj McKnight, MCpl Winkler and Cpl Kidd.

Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre Patricias (CMTC)

APS 2004 saw the first growth of Patricias posted into the CMTC. LCol Peter Hofman arrived from SHAPE Belgium into the Chief of Staff position. Maj Don Furuness arrived from OC Adm 1 PPCLI to command the Opposing Forces. Maj Charlie McKnight arrived from Exchange in Australia in APS 2003 and continues to hold the position of unit Operations Officer. Capt Loic Darras arrived from Recce PI 1 PPCLI to the Blue Forces Plans Officer position. MWO Arthur Chase continues to hold the post of RSM. WO Gordon Hill (LER) is employed in the Reserve Collective Trg Cell. Sgt Kevin Mead arrived from 2 PPCLI and is employed in the Observer Controller cell. MCpl Geordie Cheeseman arrived from 2 PPCLI to the Field Sp Tp position. MCpl Grant Winkler arrived from 1 PPCLI in APS 2003 to CMTC Transport. Cpl David Kidd arrived from 2 PPCLI in APS 2003 and still works out of CMTC Transport.



As most are aware, the CMTC is a new entity in the Land Force. The mission of CMTC is to confirm the high-readiness status and the high readiness of Army Task Forces in preparation for global operational deployments. To achieve its mission, the CMTC will replicate the Contemporary Operations Environment for the conduct of Task Force-level training across all five operational functions, employing force-on-force engagements, weapons effects simulation, and a highly capable Opposing Force.



Unit rotations into CMTC will replicate the conditions of operational deployments to the maximum extent possible. Rotations will incorporate reception, staging and onward-movement operations, and deployment training. CMTC will prepare Canadian soldiers to operate, survive, fight and win in the Contemporary Operations Environment across the spectrum of conflict and in an increasingly complex, non-linear battlespace. CMTC will provide a national training venue for the further refinement of CF Integrated (Joint) and Multinational Operations and within the Army Lessons Learned Process. Further, CMTC will conduct thorough and comprehensive After-Action Reviews enabling fast-track revisions to Doctrine and to the Army's Tactics, Techniques and Procedures.

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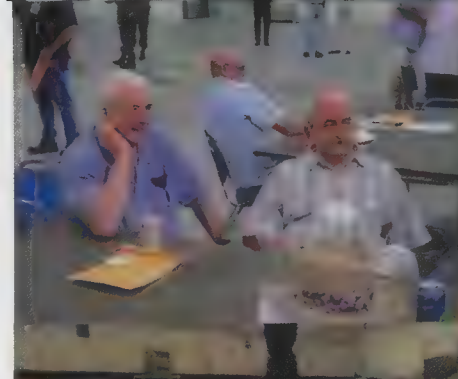
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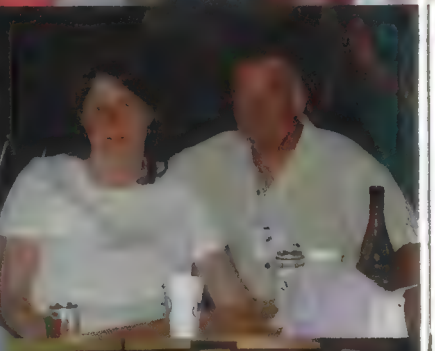


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News from the windy plains of Saskatchewan. This year saw the promotion and posting of WO Ivan Finstad to the 2nd Bn in Shilo. New faces from the Regiment are Lt Dennis Sansom to Saskatoon and Sgt Bob MacLaren holding the fort and keeping people honest in Prince Albert. WO Linville had a busy summer as PI WO for a SQ course in Dundurn and spent the Fall pulling out his hair trying to keep a unit-run BIQ course on track. The arrival of the new MILCOT vehicle caused some excitement as we finally have a vehicle allowed off road that has a heater and comfortable seating for people over 6 feet tall. This last point is only important to WO Linville. The unit continues to train in the always exciting Dundurn training area, where the fire hazard can reach extreme within a few days of snow melting. The last fire caused the loss of a much-loved porta-potti and a substantial part of the impact area.

The 2nd Bn has move to Shilo, however, the number of ERE Patricias in Winnipeg and 38 CBG has increased. LCol Dave Banks(COS) and Maj Jim Fitzgerald (G3) managed to take a break from the peg and go on a holiday in Afghanistan. Capt Sean Moran took over as G3 Ops in Summer of 04. Capts Paul McIntyre and Adam Moore took over the RSS positions at Minto Armoury and are keeping WO Ukjela and WO Grant in line. There seems to be a lot of ex 2nd Bn Patricias in Minto hmmm.... Shilo is only a couple hours up the road so we will have no excuse for not being at broom-i-loo this year.



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 5. Capt Ross 6. Capt Lunney 7. Capt Peck 8. Capt Prohar 9. Capt MacDonald
 10. Capt MacKay

KINGSTON AREA PATRICIAS

Kingston is a popular location for both serving and retired Patricias. In addition to the permanent Kingston Patricia core, we are augmented during each serial of the AOC course, adding a welcome dynamic to mess life. Joining the Kingston area Patricias this year is most notably Colonel Pat Stogran, who has taken command of the CF JOG.

On the 15th of October 2004 the Kingston area Patricias met for a social gathering, led by the area representative, LCol Marv Makulowich. Even aspiring Patricia's, phase III qualified RMC cadets, joined in the evening's festivities. They were given a warm welcome by all, and may have had some influence in convincing the waitresses to join in the picture. Many of the AOC candidates that don't wear a Patricia cap badge but have an affiliation to the regiment attended the event, even playing the PPCLI march on the bagpipes for the enjoyment of the entire establishment.

LCol Makulowich kept all in attendance abreast of the happenings in the Regiment. Learning of the emphasis on the 100th anniversary of the Regiment on this the 90th, served to increase anticipation for that event. All in attendance were proud to hear of the accomplishments of those serving in the battalions and particularly those deployed currently to Afghanistan. Subsequent events are being planned for spring 05.

Ottawa ERE Patricias 2004

The pace, diversity of jobs, and dispersion of work places for Patricias in the National Capital Region make keeping in touch in Ottawa a challenge, conversely you always seem to be bumping into old acquaintances as everybody is eventually drawn in to the vortex of NDHQ.

Among 2004's local events, one event stands out from the casual gatherings at the Elephant and Castle and the Association's 17th of March Dinner. A luncheon for all ranks and the Association was held in the Officers' Mess in June to mark the 90th Anniversary. General Hewson hosted the event with His Excellency John Ralston Saul and his mother attending as guest of honour. John Ralston Saul spoke eloquently of his father's years of service with the Regiment and his personal recollection of the founder, Hamilton Gault. Mrs. Saul had the opportunity to renew many old friendships. Major Jerry Walsh was presented his Regimental Achievement Award for graduating as the top international student at the British Joint Services Command and Staff College in Shrivenham and Colonel Peter Kenward was thanked for his years of dedicated service to the Regiment with a carved hat badge that is now with him somewhere in Abbotsford, BC. Following the luncheon a small group was invited to tea at Rideau Hall with the Governor General.

After the turmoil of posting season, local Patricias gathered at the Elephant and Castle to meet the COs and RSMs who were in town for the annual merit boards. As always, the event was well attended and was followed, a few days later by the Association's annual Remembrance Day Service at Lansdowne Park, the site of the Regiment's first parade in 1914.

2004 saw a number of changes among the senior personnel serving in Ottawa. The Senior Serving Patricia, Brigadier General Glenn Nordick, was posted in, while two Chief Warrant Officers - Stan Stapleford and Larry Surridge were posted out. Colonel John Turner retired and moved into the public service, passing his Regimental duties to Colonel Walter Semianiw. Colonel Semianiw was subsequently posted to command the Canadian Contingent in Afghanistan and in turn, passed his Regimental duties to Colonel Pat Stogran, Commander of the Joint Operations Group in Kingston. Finally, late in the year Lieutenant Colonel Steve Bryan moved on to the private sector.

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*Front Row: Sgt Stang, WO Gelineau, Capt Gallo, WO Kiss, WO Genest
Back Row: Sgt Beggs, Sgt Fullerton, Sgt Smith, MCpl Beebe, Sgt Gysen, Sgt Killoran
Missing: Capt Watson, Capt Walshaw, Sgt Roy, Sgt Patterson, MCpl Reeder*

Quebec ERE

2004 has been a fruitful year at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) for the Patricias posted here. We have seen MCpl Killoran promoted to Sgt Killoran and have taken on some new blood with Sgt Smith and Sgt Patterson, both from 2VP.

Whenever you post boys from the Western Army into Quebec, laughs are certain to come from the cultural mix. Some of the die hard westerners have had a hard time putting down their cowboy hats for French berets and scarves, while others, most notable Capt Watson, have integrated quite eloquently into the Francophone lifestyle and culture.

Patricias at CFLRS have continued to make their mark as tough and fair instructors and have occasionally offered up a smile. Well the rumour is that Sgt Stang actually smiled in late summer, though no hard evidence is available. It seems however CFLRS is targeting Patricias with their chewing tobacco policy, who could have ever thought chewing tobacco would be considered disgusting.

From the French Patricias in Quebec to our fellow Patricias we offer our best wishes for the upcoming year and hope to muddy our boots with you all soon.

Purple Haze

For those who have not made it out to the "left" coast, CFRC Vancouver is comprised of three dets: Vancouver, Kelowna and Victoria. There is a satellite detachment in Surrey, and another one will soon be opening up in Richmond; two of the most diverse suburbs of Vancouver. The staffs are as varied as the population it recruits. There are Regular Force and Reserves from all elements, different trades, and civilian staff as well. This keeps the CO, Major Ralf Urzinger quite busy with all the HR work involved in such a diverse staffed work place. Sometimes he can be heard lamenting that writing pre-deployment exercise instruction was not that difficult after all and he misses them immensely. His continued rant to us is that the best job in the world is in the battalion in a leadership position - and not sitting in a shiny office tower. Apparently, he had a good time in Winnipeg. Whenever he gets grumpy, he works it out with jogging and so far; he has done two marathons in Victoria and Vancouver. In all fairness to the CO, working in the "purple" environment can be a bit of a culture shock, which many of the staff from a combat arms background have experienced. Yet, more and more commanders, find themselves in situations where they must work in these environments, whether overseas or at home. Good luck sir, one more year of OJT!



It was yet another memorable year at CFRC Vancouver. This was not only reflected in the various policy changes and new recruiting initiatives, but specifically for the Patricias, it meant saying good-bye to two of their comrades. The first to depart his "lofty" position as Detachment commander was Capt Tyrone Green. Capt Green came to the recruiting center in early 2002 as a military career counsellor, then moving his way up the food chain to the position as the detachment commander for Vancouver. He will be missed mostly by some of the staff that enjoyed Capt Green trotting around the centre in sweaty maroon PT gear. He was overheard counselling one of his officer peers (not Army!) that the clothing he was wearing was NOT an "outfit" but Regimental PT gear worn by soldiers... any questions? The biggest impact Capt Green's departure made was the reduction of revenues to various exotic dancer clubs in the Lower Mainland. We are not certain, but it has been rumoured that many have gone into receivership since he left. Well I guess he will be spending his hard earned Canadian dollar overseas as a member of UNTSO Op JADE. Has anyone seen the Captain....I know where he is, I know where he is.....

We also said good-bye to Sgt Werner Muehlberger, who was posted to Ontario. This brought a sigh of relief to most of us who dreaded the day that the CO would initiate unit PT and have Werner lead one of the runs. Many of the local gyms are now

freed up for membership now that the "fitness guru" has left the building. On a serious note, Muehly's sense of professionalism and his example will be sorely missed. During his three years with us, Sgt Muehlberger was responsible for setting up displays at the various career and outdoor adventure shows. In addition to this, he was the rappel master for two Open House events held in Vancouver. If there was something out of the ordinary required, we went to the subject matter experts - Werner. Werner competed in many of the endurance races in the area, and when you live in the fitness capital of Canada, that can be quite daunting. Werner represented the recruiting group and the CF, very well. We cannot talk about where he went to, but rumour has it that he had to change his pyjamas to black ones....

So the only Patricia Sr NCO left standing after this year's postings is me - Sgt Huf Mullick. My primary task, other than reminiscing about battalion war-stories with the CO, is to manage the Surrey satellite detachment. Similar to commanding a section house, the only thing missing is the section. There is no requirement to do VCPs, OP's and cordon and searches. Those tasks are usually left to the Surrey RCMP - and believe me, they are busy in that neighbourhood. I am kept very busy with the South Asian portfolio as a member of the Diversity team and coordinate all outreach functions associated with that portfolio. Teaching young recruits the essentials of military life has been replaced with school presentations, and talk shows. This might sound appealing to some, but to those of us that relish being the "grey man" it can be quite arduous.

All in all a good year for the "Pats" in Vancouver recruiting, still honouring our traditions and passing on our experiences to those who must now carry the torch.
VP.



1 CMBG

Patricias serving at HQ 1 CMBG have had a busy year helping to train and fight 1 CMBG. The past year has seen promotions, postings and retirements and has been busy with operational deployments and Bde-level training exercises, including several aimed at exercising Bde HQ and staff in preparation for possible future deployment.

Ex WALKING RAM was an introduction of the OPP and IPB processes to Bde officers and involved individual unit HQ staff. All levels of staff carried out the OPP and IPB processes in order to allow junior unit officers an opportunity to observe and learn the processes. Ex PRAIRIE RAM was a Bde-level deployment to the Wainwright training area for the month of October. Bde HQ had the opportunity to shake out, identify, adopt and modify field SOPs. HQ 1 CMBG Patricias were able to put Regimental spins on these SOPs, so much so that G3 1 CMBG, RCR Maj Rob McIlroy was spotted sporting a non-issued black toque in and around the Bde CP. Ex VIRTUAL RAM was a Bde-level CAX

that followed on the training developed during the previous exercises. This exercise focused HQ 1 CMBG on all phases of operations at the Bde level in preparation for the upcoming BTE '05.

For HQ 1 CMBG Patricias, 2004 saw significant changes at the personnel level. LCol Dave Corbould was promoted to his current rank and posted from G3 1 CMBG to Washington, U.S.A. Maj Brian Hynes was promoted out of the G3 Ops position and is currently deployed on Op ATHENA Roto 2 as Officer Commanding Embedded Training Team in Kabul, Afghanistan. Capt Bob Ritchie was posted to 3 PPCLI and is currently serving as 2IC C Coy (Para). WO Greg Leonard, a long-time serving Patricia, retired this past year. All the best is wished to him and his family in their future endeavours.

There are currently six Patricias serving at HQ 1 CMBG. LCol Shane Schreiber was promoted and posted in as the inaugural Chief of Staff for 1 CMBG. Capt Rich Raymond arrived from 2 PPCLI to take over as G3 Trg while WO Kevin Nielsen arrived from 1 PPCLI to take on the G3 Res position. Capt Mason Stalker is employed as G3 Plans 2 and Capt Kyle Strong is attach-posted from 3 PPCLI and is filling the G3 Ops 2 position.

A special farewell is wished to Bde RSM CWO John McGregor who will be leaving in APS '05 for Toronto to become RSM LFCA. On behalf of the Patricias of 1 CMBG, as well as those serving throughout the CF, thank you for your exemplary leadership and dedicated, self-less service. We wish you and your family happiness and continued success in your new position.

To Patricias everywhere - all the best in '05. Lets continue to lead the Army with the same pride and flare that the PPCLI has become known for.



French Grey Battalion

Greetings to our Patricia brothers in arms across the country and around the globe. The year 2004 was just as busy as any other year for the Infantry School, so much so that the Center of Excellence could have been re-dubbed the "Center of Change". Modifications in course content, introduction of new courses such as the Urban Ops course and the modularization of Common Army Phase were just some of the initiatives that kept members of the French Grey Battalion busy this past year.

The French Grey Battalion is helmed by LFAA TC Comd, LCol Creighton and LFAA TC RSM, CWO Bartlett. The glue that holds us all together out here is the super Adjutant, Captain Rutland. There are never any tasks too hard or menial for Captain Rutland to pass off to any of the other junior Patricia Captains out here - a point of warning for anyone considering a posting to the Infantry School. Maj Patrick, OC A Coy, is the Officer Commanding of the French Grey Battalion assisted by his right hand man MWO Penney, CSM A Coy. We do believe the OC and CSM are hard at work, but it has become hard to tell since A Coy has moved offices out of Bldg J-7 to across the street in K6. We still receive emails once in awhile from Maj Patrick but we still have to confirm on occasion to make sure the Wizard is still in the Land of Oz.

It was not all work and no play, of course, for the Patricias at CTC Gagetown. Mess life was as vibrant as always whenever Patricias are together, and even more so as fellow Regimental members were at CTC to complete their career or advanced courses as well as filling in as augmentee staff. It was not uncommon in 2004 to see an overwhelming number of Patricias wandering the halls of J-7, a legacy left by outgoing Chief Instructor, Major Haverstock. His departing gift to the Infantry School was to greatly increase the number of Patricias at CTC, subtly shifting the balance between the three Regiments here in Gagetown. The greatest contributor to the cause was the Second Battalion, posting just under 15 personnel to the School in 2004. We do not know if it was Major Haverstock's pitch of the laid back East Coast living or the alternative of going to Shilo that brought everyone here, but it seems as if everyone is happy with their choice to date.



As mentioned, courses here are continuously undergoing change and conversion. New to the Infantry School and the CF was the introduction of the Urban Ops course. Captain Macleod and WO Towell were knee deep in ensuring this course, which they built from the ground up, was good to go for their start date. After a few days they came to the same conclusion for the course - more money, more ammo, more time! We think Capt

Macleod was just pining for more swan visits to the U.S., but he means well. Army transformation and the way we train our leaders resulted in changes in almost every leadership course. It was out with the old and in with the new as course SMEs and OICs were brushing up on working in complex terrain, urban operations and night operations. Asymmetric training became the norm, and staff and students ensured they were fully briefed up for those regular visits from CTC HQ, including the trusty aide-de-camp, the PPCLI's own Captain Hacault.

Changes in philosophy and assessment were also a topic of conversation. Who could forget CAP instructors MCpl Yakabowich and MCpl Croucher "discuss" the benefits of "mentoring" over "sink or swim" method of assessment. If there were ever two guys who knew how to push each other's buttons it was these two, and it made up for good entertainment and a good break in the DS tent at 0200 hrs during patrol week.

Summer training was especially busy this year, and school Patricias played a major part in the training of hundreds of students. The last Phase IV Infantry course was run this summer (replaced by DP1.2 in the future), and graduating candidates were extremely happy to be finally badged into the Regiment by the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen (Ret'd) Stewart. We are fairly sure the last Dawe brother has finally been trained by the School, but we will wait and see. Captains Williams, Gill and Clark trained the majority of the graduating Patricias, while Captain Rutland, fresh from his stint in Valcartier, was busy handling the Franco platoon. WO Grant must have spent the majority of his summer doing PT behind



the LAV's, because right after Ph IV he began the Advanced Recce course. Not as an instructor, as a candidate. His completion of the course shows that even when approaching 40, you can still show the young pups how it's done! Of course, it helps when you are constantly the candidate platoon 2IC in the field and you make all the young officers hump your kit.

We will leave you with a few random thoughts from the School over the past year. For those of you wondering how WO Thornton is doing out here, we would like to know the same thing! There have been a few WO Thornton sightings through the year, but none were confirmed. If you do see him in your travels, please let 2IC A Company know. The Swan of the Year award definitely goes to WO Holwell who has spent approximately four days on the grounds at the School, the rest being on TD in possibly all seven continents. We hope the School gets a positive return on all this newfound knowledge WO Holwell,

after all you have used a quarter of the School's budget on your travel claims alone! The "That's Gotta Hurt" award was a tie this year between LAV Driver Cpl Gofton and MWO Cromwell. Cpl Gofton had the honour of being the lone LAV tip-over in the summer for Ph IV. We'll blame this one on the Crew Commander Cpl Gofton, don't worry. Who could forget the scary sight of Cpl Gofton covered in oil stripped down to his underwear in the Lawfield Corridor? Don't worry there aren't any pictures Chris. MWO Cromwell suffered a devastating ACL tear in a friendly game of volleyball before Christmas to gain the tie with Cpl Gofton. He was trying to save some face for HQ Coy's overall dismal performance at the Infantry School's year-end sports competition, but it wasn't meant to be. Get well soon!

Well that is all the news from the French Grey Battalion for 2004. Gagetown has a way of sucking people back, willingly or involuntarily, so stop by and say "Hi" and we will regale you with some stories that were too risqué for this submission!

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Did you know...

In 1967, the First Battalion, participated in the Centennial Expedition of the Canadian Armed Forces "Search for Franklin" from 4 August - 25 August 1967. The Battalion provided volunteers from the Home Station in Edmonton; with the troops being in the high Arctic under summer conditions. Though the grave of Sir John Franklin was not found nor any new documents of the expedition, the deployment was still a highlight for the soldiers that participated.



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"FOUR DAYS' MARCHES" Nijmegen Four Days' Marches 2004

The 88th International Four Days Marches Nijmegen was held from 20 to 23 July 2004. This march is the world's largest walking event, and is also one of the world's largest sporting events. Football tournament and better fitness 'through after school sports and games' laid the foundation for the Nijmegen International Four Days' Marches. Every year the walk starts on the third Tuesday in July. In the span of six weeks over 47,000 people registered for the event. One of the registrants was our Immediate Past President of the Association and retired Regimental Sergeant-Major, Mr Jac de Bruijne. For those interested in participating in the event Jac has provided the following tips to prepare oneself:

"I recommend that you listen carefully to your body. Choose a distance that you feel comfortable with to start with. This is my recommended training schedule: starting in mid March start with daily walks of 10 Km;

April - daily walks of 12 Km and with two weekly walks of 24 Km each, morning and evening;

May - daily walks of 15 Km and with two weekly walks of 24 Km each, morning and evening;

June - daily walks of 15 Km and two weekly walks of 30 Km; and

July - daily walks of 15 Km and three weekly walks of 35 Km (one week prior to the event).

To recover from jet lag, attempt to arrive in Holland one full week before the marches to acclimate your body. Careful attention must be paid to the most important ingredient to the success of this adventure - your feet. Remember walking should be fun, but if you neglect your feet walking can be hell! Soaking your feet after completing your daily walks in a solution of sea salt or Epson salts and warm water will toughen the skin of your feet. Biweekly application of olive oil to your feet will prevent cracking and make the skin more pliable not softer. Good quality cotton socks will ensure moisture is dissipated quickly through your shoes and evaporated. Turn your socks inside out as the outside is smoother and the seams will then face outward preventing blisters. Do not wear woolen socks, they slide, they are poor absorbers of moisture and they contain 10 - 15 % nylon that will cause your feet to burn. Use a good quality foot powder, this will ensure a pair of socks will last for 40 Km, and always have a spare pair of socks on you, just in case. Lastly, you need good fitting walking shoes or boots. They should not constrict the blood flow to your feet when the laces are tightened. Leather is the best choice but other materials will do."

Editors Note: Jac made the following observations to me, first that he must have over trained, as he found the marches this year not as challenging as before! Secondly, he observed other fellows from the Regiment (General Romses) who may have not trained enough!! The hardest part of the four-day event for Jac was fighting with the crowd at the end of each day to find his bicycle to get to his lodging for the night. And lastly, upon nearing the finish line, he retrieved his Regimental Blazer, tie and beret and crossed the finish line turned out, so that everyone would know that the Patricia's were there.

RSM (Ret'd) Jac de Bruijne is a Korean War Veteran, was the President of the Association from 1999 until 2003 and in 2003 proudly earned his Dutch Jump wings. Jac has always been an avid supporter and promoter of the Regiment. Jac resides in Victoria, B.C. Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia

The International Four Day's Marches 2005 will take place from 19 to 22 July 2005. Registration is possible as of 7 February 2005. More information can be found at their website: www.4daagse.nl

Link to an "Original" gone

Don Gower passed away in Kelowna on Monday, 26 July 2004 while on holidays. He was 84 years old and had lived in Edmonton all his life except for the WW II years. Don enlisted in the LER in 1939 and served in Canada and in England. He joined the PPCLI (as had his father in WW I) in the early 1940s after completing officer training in Canada. In 1943 and later, he served with the Patricia's in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, including a stint as the Intelligence Officer to the CO, LCol 'Cammy' Ware. Don was a second generation Patricia; his father, Pte L. Gower, was an original Patricia who joined the Regiment upon its formation in August 1914. Pte Gower was Struck off Strength on 7 November 1915, and subsequently joined the RAF. Don was a long-time member of the PPCLI Association (Edmonton Branch) and in the 1950s and 1960s served in a variety of executive positions. Don built a scaled-down model of a Hurricane fighter which he subsequently flew (having obtained his pilot's licence at the age of 57) and which he donated to the Alberta Aviation Museum (Edmonton) where it may still be seen.



Personnel from The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry continue to make a difference in Eastern Canada with growing numbers. Aside from the increasing influence in Gagetown, PPCLI soldiers are also serving in units throughout the Atlantic Provinces and the Land Forces Atlantic Area Headquarters in Halifax.

Atlantic units continue to be busy, and are making excellent use of their Patricia Officers and NCMs. Whether it be conducting training in Gagetown, working as staff in LFAA HQ, or supporting the training and administrative requirements of the Reserve Brigades and Units throughout the region, everyone is certainly keeping quite busy. It turned out to be a busy year for moves of Patricia's in the region, as there were significant numbers of people moving in and out of the Area.



Our current domination of the Area includes Maj Richards, Sgt Rattray and Cpl Grant in Greenwood keeping the Air Force constantly apprised of the Patricia requirements to support our wishful training dreams. LFAA remains under the command of BGen Romses, with Maj Bland, Capt Vivian, Sgt McNamara and Sgt Tilley keeping the remainder of the headquarters dutifully subservient to their Patricia master. Maj MacDonald also spent the majority of the year as CO of LFAATC Det Aldershot and has subsequently retired in the Wainwright area. Throughout the Brigades and Units supporting the Reserves are LCol Stinson and LCol Bell commanding the West Nova Scotia Regiment and 2 Royal New Brunswick Regiment respectively, and LCol Corry supervising the staff at 36 CBG as COS. Capt Pretty, Capt Squires, Capt George, Capt Giesbrecht, and MWO Gilfoy are all working hard as Adjutants or Operations Officers in Reserve Brigade HQs and Units, with WO Barker, WO Warrington and Sgt Dorion keeping their units fit with Operations and Training. Sgt Walsh is ensuring the Prince Edward Island Regiment, an Armd Recce Squadron, remember how to patrol the PPCLI way. Cpl LaFleur, Cpl Mansfield, and Cpl Grant also support the Reserve units in various capacities. Maj Otchenash, who also served with the PPCLI prior to his transfer to the Log world, is currently living in Nova Scotia and working with 1 Field Regiment as their Regimental 2IC.

It is with deepest sadness and sombre regret to report on the coming retirement

of two long serving Patricia's, expected to happen later this year, specifically Capt George and WO Skinner, as they look forward to moving from this life to the next - that unknown life on civy street where people are forced to live without constant supervision and threats of summary trials and courts marshal.



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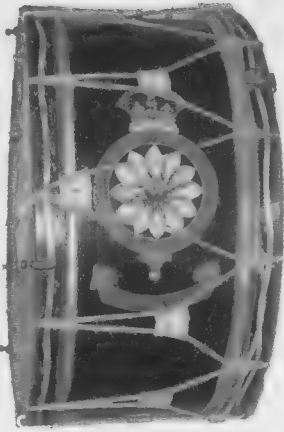
WW I drum coming home thanks to EPS Pipes and Drums

The bass drum left behind on the WW I battlefield will finally return to its rightful owners after 85 years.



"It's an honour to play at the final resting place of Alex Decoteau, but to receive the actual drum that accompanied fighting WW I soldiers is overwhelming," says Cst. James McKee, Pipes & Drums pipe major. The drum presentation took place in the New British Cemetery in Passchendaele, Belgium, where Decoteau is buried. A Belgium family possessed the drum and graciously returned the historical instrument to the rightful owner - the EPS Pipes & Drums - the regimental band for the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). The drum was turned back to the PPCLI during the Sunset Ceremony; part of the 90th Anniversary celebrations in Edmonton. Other highlight stops in their non-stop tour, included playing at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea (London) for Lady Patricia Countess Mountbatten of Burma; Portsmouth for Prince of Wales and Duke of Gloucester (afterwards, five band members were invited to share tea with them); and Caen (France) for the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion (who parachuted into Normandy in 1944). Pipes & Drums at the Juno Beach Centre opening in Courseulles sur Mer in 2003.

In policing, it is said that partners come and go. In the police Pipes and Drums Band, friendships last forever. There's camaraderie present in the band that is unmatched in other areas of the Service. Through relentless teamwork, dedication, volunteering, and hours-upon-hours of practice, this sense of pride and oneness is manifested and maintained. The objective of the band, according to current members, is to promote the EPS in a different manner other than strictly day-to-day policing. Providing the community with an alternative look at members through social and charitable events is time consuming. This past year, they had over 60 'band order' requests to play at functions, ceremonies, and community events. "We feel we're the Service's biggest PR group. We are out there in the community establishing and maintaining quite a reputation as both a band and a police service," says Det. Scott McMorran. "We've played for the Prime Minister, the Queen, at state funerals-you could say we're always available to both marry and bury."



Patricia Named Honorary Citizen Ispica, Sicily

Has anyone seen the Major? I know where he is. He's down in the deep dug-out.

How do you know?

I saw him, I saw him, down in the deep dug-out.



Ispica, a typical Sicilian Town perched on a steep cliff overlooking the country to the southeast as far as the beaches, was a natural defensive position; manned by a determined enemy, it could have offered a stout defence, but it had been occupied by Italian troops. After a heavy shelling from HMS Delhi on July 11th and a heavy aerial bombardment, the town had surrendered without a fight.

During the 60th Anniversary Pilgrimage of Veterans, the Municipal Administration of Ispica, Sicily, because of the affection that Colonel Frost continues to reveal on every occasion and which connects him to the City of Ispica, decided to number him among its most illustrious citizens, conferring on him an honorary citizenship of Ispica, as a permanent reminder of that brief, but significant period that saw him as a young administrator of their city.

Charles Sydney Frost, born in 1922, attended the Royal Military College of Canada. After Graduation in 1942, he was assigned to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light

Infantry and served in the army in Europe. In 1945, he was promoted to Acting Second-in-Command of his battalion. He was wounded twice in action. He is the author of two books, "Once a Patricia" (1988) and "Always a Patricia" (2004) dedicated to his experiences in the Second World War, in particular his landing on Sicily and becoming the "first democratic mayor of Ispica, free of Fascism".

He entered Ispica with his platoon, as he recalls in Chapter VII of his book "Once a Patricia". Frost ran the town for a brief period July 16 to August 1943 without any external help, including his own headquarters, the Fourth Reinforcement Battalion, stationed in Pachino. He took over the former Fascist headquarters (Casa del Fascio) located in the present-day Antonio Brancati Square, while the population (13,000 plus), reassured, was returning home from the caves. The Canadian re-opened the mill, kept it functioning day and night and distributed food from its headquarters. On the 25th of July at the news of the fall of Mussolini, the young Canadian officer, at the request of a fellow citizen, expressed a reflection as follows:

"May the lights come on again all over the world and all people live in freedom, justice and equality."



"The call finally came on August 3rd. I lost no time in handing over my duties as Town Major to Captain Guthrie. I was relieved to be on my way at last and excited about the prospect of action, but I left my first real command with a tinge of sadness. As Town Major of Ispica, I had received a unique education that was not printed in any army manual and that very few young officers would ever experience. None of my prior training had prepared me for such a test. In only a few weeks I had seen the people of Ispica shake off the terrible yoke of Fascism and make a fresh start on the road to democracy. They had worked hard to rebuild their town and their Sicilian way of life; they had found new confidence and hope for the future. At the Casa del Fascio I held my last parade to say goodbye to the people I had come to understand and respect - the mayor, the police chief, the Baron of Modica, Dr. Lentini, Father Pietro (the priest), Signer Salvatore, Signorina Franzo, Signer Fratele and his daughter. As I turned to leave, Signorina Fratele pressed into my hand a good luck charm; with tears in her eyes she said, "Noi amiamo voi. Per favour ritornate presto." I jumped into my vehicle and drove away.

"I did in fact return to my beloved Ispica 13 years later, but that is another story."

As AMGOT's (Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories) report states: Frost had succeeded in restoring the civic administration of Ispica and had fostered an orderly and peaceful co-existence and harmony between the population and the Allied Forces.

Charles Sydney Frost had given clear proof of his generous love towards the city not only by returning as a pilgrim so many times from 1990-1997, but also by helping to finance the monuments erected where the Allied Forces landed at Porto Ulisse, which remind us of the sacrifice of the Canadian and Italian soldiers and the civilians for whom Frost has shown great respect.

The Societa Ispicese di Storia Patria believed that it is more than just to award honorary citizenship to this Canadian gentleman, who has fond memories of Ispica, for having been the first protagonist of the rebirth of the city, in democracy and in freedom, and for having demonstrated from the War up to the present time a profound and sincere attachment of Ispica and its population, acting more as a brother and friend than as an enemy or invader.

Editor's note: Regrettably Mr Frost was unable to attend the ceremony. The presentation of the award was witnessed by our Regimental representative for the pilgrimage, Mr Doug Armstrong. Senator Gerard Phalen accepted the award on behalf of Colonel Frost.

THE REGIMENT MOURNS THE LOSS OF A FALLEN HERO

Jonas Starblanket fought with the Patricia's throughout the Italian campaign during WW II and in Korea at the Battle of KapYong. At home, he was a well-respected clan elder and very active member of the community. The Second Battalion PPCLI had just started settling into their Christmas leave, when the call came, to stand up a full military funeral party. The community of Atahkakoop (one hour outside of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan) were most impressed with the arrival of the Patricias. It was then, that the community realized, that there was more to Mr Starblanket's family. In attendance, were five aboriginal veterans; two of which were Patricias.

"Lest we forget."



Patricia Recruiting Blitz

Soldiers from the First, Third Battalions and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment participated in a Northern Recruiting Blitz. Initiated and coordinated by MCpl Mike Rude (PPCLI) from the Edmonton Recruiting office, the recruiting drive was conducted to promote the Forces and attract new recruits. Nine soldiers snowmobiled to Fort Chipewyan and to Fort Smith, they conducted a six hour display of weapon systems and equipment in Fort Smith for the residents and gave a presentation to the students at Aurora College in Fort Smith on entry programs and life in the CF.



Jack Cathie at War



After joining the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in 1936 at Work Point Barracks, simply because the navy was no longer recruiting, Private Jack Cathie found himself sent to England at the outbreak of World War II as part of the advance party for the PPCLI. For the next four years, Jack would serve overseas, starting as a Physical Training Instructor for the PPCLI then moving on to train officers with a Canadian Officer Training Unit (COTU). In 1941, he found himself promoted and made the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of the Headquarters for the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade (1 CAB). After a year as the unit's disciplinarian, his position changed again, and he found himself to be an officer cadet, entering Sandhurst as a member of the Calgary Tank Regiment (14th Canadian Army Tank Regiment). The purpose of this piece is to recount Jack's experiences as a junior officer in training and combat during World War II.

Following a "passing out" parade from Sandhurst in April 1943, the "newly minted" Lieutenant Cathie returned to the Brigade Headquarters of 1 CAB. The training had been anything but tough for a former drill and physical training instructor, and Jack was recognized as the top cadet in his class, earning the privilege of commanding the graduation parade. His attendance at a British school was the result of his having taught at a Canadian Officer Training Unit - one could simply not be a student where he had once been an instructor. The training was quite basic with little emphasis on tactics. As Jack later remembered "I think we got to fire one shot out of an old Churchill tank and ... a couple of short lectures by disabled fellows coming home from North Africa." With training completed and a commission in hand, Cathie joined the HQ in which he had once been RSM.

Back with 1 CAB, Lieutenant Cathie found himself to be a supernumerary officer, and with little in the way of formal tasks. By June he was on a ship bound for North Africa and subsequently Sicily, where he landed south of Pachino with the 1st Canadian Division. Sicily was, for a junior officer in brigade headquarters, relatively quiet. As Jack described it his duties consisted of "mostly reconnaissance...and any time they wanted an officer to do something like to take over a guard or to do anything that a young officer could do, they gave it to me. Most the time I was just hanging around trying to keep out of trouble... so we went up along the Cattania[n] Coast." During his time in Sicily, Jack faced only members of the Italian army. In his opinion "the Italians were just dropping their arms in front of us. They were only too glad to be out of it and wanted to go home"

As with any operation, not all time was spent fighting the enemy. Sicily and the town of Riposto still hold a fond memory:

"I had a guitar...I don't know where it came from, but it was my guitar...It had obviously been in my kit and somebody had found it and got it to me. So, I sat on the beach and played and in the dark behind the bonfire I could sense there were a bunch of Italians, so I start singing "Oh So Lo Mio". Well, they were just thrilled to pieces cause I didn't know the words...really...and they were filling it in for me with the words, you know, and cheering... because I was singing an Italian song and they were very friendly. And uh, they brought some wine for my fellow soldiers."

With the situation in Sicily well under control, the Canadians prepared to cross the straits of Messina and advance up the south-eastern coast. After landing unopposed south of the town of Reggio in early September 1943, the Canadians found that the Germans were withdrawing up the Italian mainland, extremely quickly. Filling the duties of a reconnaissance officer, in a new scout car, Cathie was "told to get along the coast road as far as I could get and radio back if I saw anything that I thought was worthy of a stonk... I guess I was one day behind them all the time." Cathie found that the Germans were moving rapidly, mining and destroying the routes behind them. Indeed Jack found that "they would blow about one bridge out of five."

The days were spent patrolling and moving, checking the myriad routes to the towns and villages along the path of the Canadian advance northward. The Germans did not put up much of a fight during the Fall, with no major battles being fought by 1 CAB. For Cathie, the threats came in the form of occasional appearances by the Luftwaffe and both anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, which were seldom thought about. By mid-September 1943, Lieutenant Cathie found himself in Cassano, where he was confronted by something none of his training had prepared him for - the mass surrender of a "brigade" of Italian infantry to a lone Canadian officer: "So I went up into Cassano, 'cause I wanted to make sure it was clear of hostiles and I asked for the podesta - the mayor. He told me that the Germans had long [since] left and here...a brigade of Italian Infantry surrendered to me. They were all lined up along side the road with their small guns, you know, anti-tank guns all lined up. I took the guy's dagger. He had a little dagger and a pistol. I disarmed him, you see...[laughs]...and I had that little Beretta pistol when I came home from the war... He was going to give me his sword. I said I didn't want his sword...They were only too happy to see me and I said, "Well, you walk down that way."...They were delighted that a Canadian had taken them prisoner..."

Continuing his advance, first in a Sherman tank and then upon a motorcycle, without the benefit of brakes, Cathie cut quite the appearance. Forsaking the issue Canadian uniform, he motored along "wearing Khaki shorts and a Khaki shirt - exactly the same as the German paratroopers wear, and a pair of black Jack boots...with my pips turned over." This nearly caused his demise in the town of Foggia, when a British paratrooper challenged him in the manner one would expect from a soldier in combat, while Lieutenant Cathie was standing in the town square. Jack quickly replied, dryly querying "Well, you silly bugger, so you're going to start knocking off Canadian officers now?" With tension eased, the two then discussed where the known German positions were.

Throughout the fall, the Germans continued to give ground under pressure. The main threat that Canadian armour faced was the German 88mm anti-tank/anti-aircraft gun. Firing a high velocity armour piercing round with an extremely flat trajectory, it was certainly respected. In Cathie's words "The anti-tank guns were deadly. Their

tanks were good too... they [the 88mm rounds] could go through our metal except for the gun mantle...the shell would still be in one piece going in through the tank." By late October, 1 CAB found itself in reserve, where it would essentially stay for the bulk of the winter. The cost, to the Calgary Tanks, of the advance up Sicily and Italy to this point had been 15 killed and 16 wounded.

Between January and April 1944, the Canadians were largely occupied with the business of holding their salient on the eastern coast of Italy near the town of Ortona. With the spring, the commanders set their sites on the liberation of Rome, and the breaching of the two defensive lines that blocked the allies from their goal - the Gustav and Hitler Lines. It was here that now Captain Cathie's war came to an end. West of Monte Casino, near the Liri River, Captain Cathie was standing outside of his tank, when he was caught in a mortar barrage and severely wounded in the leg. He had his wounds dressed and was subsequently evacuated out of the fight to return to Canada. He had been in combat almost continuously for just over ten months. Dr. Cathie's experiences are not what one would typically imagine thinking of a Canadian officer during the Second World War. Never having fought in a major set piece battle, he spent much of his time operating independently. In his own words, "I was very lucky... I'm just as glad, you know. It could have been curtains." Now nearing ninety years of age, he remains active in the Regiment that provided his first taste of military life back in 1936. Dapper, charming and possessing a keen wit, it is easy to imagine him as a young man in khaki, advancing north in an Italian autumn.

Editor's Note: This article is an excerpt from an interview conducted by Major R.I. Strickland with Dr. J. Cathie.



United States Army Infantry's Order of Saint Maurice

The Order of Saint Maurice recognizes individuals that have contributed significantly to the promotion of the Infantry, as recognized by the individual's seniors, subordinates, and peers. Recipients demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, an outstanding degree of professional competence, and have served the Infantry and its community with great distinction.

Saint Maurice exemplified the bravery, commitment, and gallantry associated with the Infantry soldier.

MWO Jim Butters was a member of the 3 PPCLI Battle Group during Op Anaconda in Afghanistan, serving as part of the US Army's 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He completed a tour as an instructor at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. And is now serving as QMSI 1PPCLI



In the picture - Major David MacPherson, CFLO Ft Bliss, LTC John Kirby, Commandant USASMA, MWO Jim Butters, SGM Bill Ogletree, Instructor USASMA, and CSM James Dale, Command Sergeant Major USASMA

Patricias Reunited

During the 90th Anniversary celebrations in Edmonton, two Patricias came face to face, after nearly 51 years! Mr Eugene Bourassa and Mr Ben Fougere had joined the Regiment and trained together in Borden in November 1951. They deployed and served together in Korea; and upon disembarking in November 1953, went their separate ways. Their meeting at the Better 'Ole, on Saturday, 26 June 2004 was an emotional one, to say the least.



Ben Fougere

Eugene Bourassa



Arnold Burbidge 1949 being presented
jump wings by LCol Harris (US Army)

*Note: Jump Pay during that time was \$30
extra per month!*



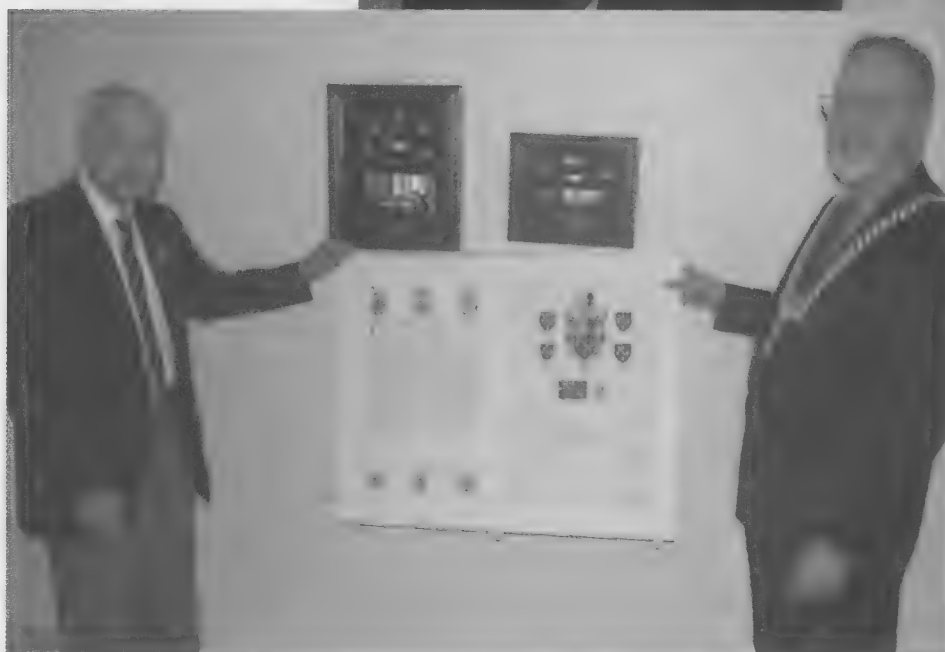
LCol John Slater - Afghanistan



Ditton Scouts (UK)
honouring the Regiment
at Menin Gate



Maj(Ret'd) Mike Levy





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My message last year ended with the challenge to Patricias about to retire, to join the Association and thus strengthen the Regimental family. Our focus has remained with our membership and will remain so in the coming year.

We have had another full and varied year. Besides the Annual General Meetings of Council and that of Members, our branches across the country were equally active addressing their local issues head on, as seen from their respective reports.

A major accomplishment for the Association this past year, and one that prepares us to become a new type of Association, has been the establishment of the Volunteer Patricia Program. While an ambitious program, it will challenge the Association's resources and indeed the membership to meet the needs of veterans and their families. I appeal to all Patricias about to leave the Regiment or about to retire, find out if this program can be of assistance to you. If so, our representatives are available and will help you! By now most Branches have appointed a member to be the VPP Contact Point for any one seeking assistance or guidance.

To provide clarity and consistency, a brochure has been produced and distributed to all members of the Association, and to units of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is the central agency that will coordinate the initial contacts.

For serving members of the Regiment, who are not yet familiar with the Association, i.e. *your* Regimental Association, it is important that you know what we are about: Your Association is a Not-for Profit organization with two registered charities, i.e. the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and the PPCLI Association Regimental Fund (Regimental Fund) that provide for the charitable activities of the Regiment as a whole. The Association was founded in 1947 and incorporated as a corporation without share capital in 1953. As such, the Association provides the corporate umbrella for all Regimental activities. The titular head of the Association is the Colonel-in-Chief, fulfilling the role as the Patron. The Colonel of the Regiment is the Honorary Chairman of Council, the governing body of the Association. The membership of the Association consists of retired or former members of the Regiment, we also have serving Patricias as members, and currently our membership stands at 832 Regular Members, 1 Honorary Life Member, 5 Honorary Members, 12 Life-Time Members, and 14 Associate Members.

The Association is governed by an elected volunteer Board (Council) represented by the Branch Presidents and the officers. The Officers are the President, Vice President, Vice Presidents East and West, and Secretary-Treasurer- this position is normally filled by the Regimental Adjutant.

On a personal note, as the end of my first term as your President approaches, I must say that it has been an honour and privilege to serve the membership not only the last two years, but also since 1982. I have had the opportunity to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman of both Finance and Bylaw Committees and as Vice President for two terms. It has been a fulfilling and learning experience, and I have enjoyed the challenges immensely. I want to thank Council members, past and present, and the members of the Secretariat for their support. It has been a joy to work for you.

I also wish to thank the membership for trusting me to lead our organization for the last two years. I am proud to be a member of an organization that is willing to embrace change and grow with it. I believe that Council has become quite comfortable with its fiduciary duty and as a policy governance board for the whole Regiment. Should the membership so decide, I look forward to serving another term as President, and look forward to working with the members of Council who are energized, creative and committed to excellence, and more importantly, are committed to our Association.

Since we are not yet at the point where the Association is healthy and financially self-sustaining, the Association must continue to make every effort to achieve that goal. Our Annual Donation campaign will continue with many members supporting us. The Association will continue to direct 80 percent of Casino revenues to the Regimental Museum and Archives. The Association's contribution and support over the years added substantially to the excellence and state of the Museum and Archives.

To ensure that we are moving in the right direction, Council and the Finance Committee are developing a new governance structure that will affect both Association charitable organizations, i.e. the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and the PPCLI Association Regimental Fund.. We must be prepared to meet new legislative rules that will face the Not-for-Profit Sector in the future. Ultimately, we are working toward a new and renewed Association that can be more focused and more responsive, more efficient and more accountable.

Throughout 2004, Council (with the assistance of Regimental Headquarters) were committed to becoming energized and creative. Change is challenging and there is no doubt that the Association is poised for major changes. It also means that we must stop doing activities that consume resources but no longer contribute to moving us in this new direction. Change is sometimes difficult for people to accept but it is essential if our Association is to remain relevant and meaningful in changing times.

Vancouver Branch

The Branch held the Annual General Meeting in January, with the current Executive into the second year of their present term.

On Sunday, March 14 2004 we met in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory for our Annual Regimental Day Luncheon. A total of 27 members and their ladies, family and friends were present. Our guests were the RSS WO for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, WO John McKenzie PPCLI and SH of C duty officer Sgt Raoul Vadgama representing the Seaforths. Past President Don Urquhart presented a Branch Appreciation Certificate to Secretary Treasurer Thelma Holland for all the time and work she had put into the Branch over the years.

Due to transportation problems the President and Secretary were unable to attend the 90th Reunion and Farewell to Winnipeg Ceremonies. Thanks to some last minute scrambling we did make the celebrations in Edmonton and AGM. We were pleased to see the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park was finally completed and the Branch Bench in place.

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Our Annual BBQ was held at the end of August at the home of Val & Ken Tutte. Val had some wonderful pictures of both the Winnipeg & Edmonton Events on display at the BBQ. A good time was had by all, and the weatherman co-operated this year with much sunshine. We had a total of 40 members and their ladies present. We were pleased to have Ed Hansen and his wife Linda over once again from Victoria, and Peter Seiersen who came over for the day from Ladysmith.



Unfortunately two of our members, Victor [Vic] J. Mahood and Norman [Norm] S. J. Rivard passed away September 18th and October 9th respectively.

On Sunday, December 12th we held our annual Xmas Party at the home of Jenny & Don Urquhart with a total of 27 Members and their Ladies present. Once again Tommy Ross and his wife paid us an unexpected visit. It was nice to have such an excellent turnout of members. Thank you to Garry Jantzen for her hard work selling raffle tickets at our various functions and the members for their generosity of donations to the Branch especially for the postal fund and raffles. Thanks to Don Boyce for stepping in as bartender, and Don Parr-Pearson for his previous turns at bartending. Thanks to Val and Ken Tutte for the use of their home each year for the BBQ and all the hard work they and their family put in to make the event a success. Finally thanks to Jenny and Don Urquhart for the use of their lovely home for the Xmas Event and for our Executive Meetings.

It is always nice to see the newer members attending the Events. We finished the year with a total 64 members, having lost 7 members through health problems, death and inability to contact people. However, we gained 2 new members and 4 applications came in just as the year was winding down so we are holding steady.

Vancouver Island Branch

Our Branch started the year hearing that our President Bill Westfall had heart troubles. The troubles were resolved thanks to surgery. However, Bill decided to step down after years of good service to the Branch and Association. Larry Gollner, was elected President and Fred Raven, Vice President. Larry Davies remains as Treasurer and John Tolley as Secretary. Liz Davies, volunteered as our VPP Point of Contact and currently she is working on two cases.

Overall, the Branch had a successful year with a number of new members joining. Some of the new members are from up island. To recognize that a third of our membership live outside of Victoria we asked the Association Council to change our name to the Vancouver Island Branch.

During 2004 we had several enjoyable meetings. The highlight of the year was Charles, [Chic] Goodman's, heartfelt Power Point presentation of the D Day Ceremonies in

France last June. Chic was a member of the Canadian delegation and he took part in all the ceremonies and related activities. Earlier in the year, at our Frezenberg Day meeting, the COR presented Glen Adams, formerly of 2nd Bn, his Commander in Chief's Commendation.



We have monthly informal lunches to help keep in contact. At the November lunch it was decided that the Branch should send a goodie box to soldiers of the Regiment serving in Afghanistan. We sought donations from our Branch members using the internet. Time was short because of mailing dates for Afghanistan. Word of our activity spread quickly through the Association. Donations flowed in and not only from our Branch members but from members and Branches across the country. Also the KVA, the QOR of C Assn, the PIKLEE Club and many other organizations made donations. As a result of the generous response to our call for funds we were able to send fourteen boxes of goodies to our soldiers. Donations continue to arrive and we now have a healthy reserve for future ventures of this type. This impromptu activity was a resounding success. Special thanks to everyone that contributed to supporting our soldiers in Afghanistan.

Our Branch members send their best regards for 2005 to all members of the Association.

Calgary Branch

The year is over and all the Branch Members are prepared to take on the New Year with the old saying: "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia." We had a very busy and hectic year, so please let us share some of our excitement and accomplishments with you all. These are some of our members that received special presentations and we all are very proud of them. Congratulation well deserved.



Mr. Paul Beaugrand serving with 2 PPCLI in the Medak Pocket was presented the Commander-In-Chief Unit Citation.



Mr. Ken Villiger receiving the Certificate of Merit.

Not just work but also fun, these are some of the functions we participated in and fun was had by many.

Two of our members and their wives attended the annual retirement dinner in Edmonton. Joe Schulz said, must be getting old, as some of the retirees were his recruits.



We celebrated our Regimental Birthday at the Garrison Curling Club, fun had by many.



In May we had a few members of our Branch go to Drumheller and join some of our members in a weekend Happy Hour. We think everyone made it back.



The Annual Patricia Cadet Inspection on May 25th was attended by many of our members. Our President was the Reviewing Officer and Black Thunder Drum Line helped in keeping the pace.



Those that attended the 2PPPCL Farewell in Winnipeg had a good time and I hear some of our members made a great impression.

June 06, our Annual Golf Tournament was held, the winning team what are you going to do without Mike Ritchie now?

All of those that attended our 90th Anniversary, we would like to thank the Regiment, Regimental HQ and the Edmonton Branch for a job well done. It was good to see you all.



August 20-22 Rayner's Annual RV & BBQ was a blast. Why don't more of you try to attend this years BBQ, we will keep you posted on this year,s date.

The Calgary Branch Executive and its members would like to thank all those that get involved. All the Museum Volunteers: For the many hours that you contribute and the many tours that you provide. All Casino Volunteers: Your involvement is keeping our Museum functioning. Bruce Nickel: For all the hours you contributed to the Cadet Corp in making their training more interesting. Black Thunder Drumline: In working with the Cadets on parades and training their Drumline. Bob Zubkowski: For being our Newspaper Editor all these years. Jerry Bowes: For setting up and organizing our annual Golf Tournament. Jack & Sandi Rayner: For their annual RV & BBQ invitation.

All those that we might have forgotten, please remember every little bit counts, and we appreciate it very much.

This year we also decided to bring in some speakers on topics that we felt would be of interest to all of our members. These were some of the topics, Preparing for your Funeral, Wills, Advance Medical Directives & Enduring Power of Attorney, and Access Calgary which is a transportation system in Calgary for those that no longer can drive themselves.

It was a good year, lets all get involved and make 2005 even a better year, we hope to see all of you in Wainwright this summer.

Wainwright Branch

The Wainwright Branch has had a good year with two new members on board MWO Art Chase and WO Ken Ryan bringing our membership to thirty members. Our inactive list stands at twelve which we are working on. On 16 October, the Airborne Social Club from Edmonton paid us a visit with Bill Millers hard work and driving force in organizing this event it was a great success. The weather however did not co-operate as



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we had a real bad snowstorm, which meant that the numbers were down both from Edmonton and Wainwright people were reluctant drive in such bad conditions, still those that did brave adverse conditions had an enjoyable evening. We plan to hold this event on annual bases.

The Colonel of the Regiment visited Wainwright on 26 October to view training in the training area so the branch had the pleasure to dine with him that evening, and later discussions around the round table with a couple of pops which was enjoyed by all. Our annual Christmas Pot Luck supper was on December 18th with great success thank-you to Wally and Luella hosting us all @ the Galleria. The ladies once again put on a great meal and are to be commended (Well done Ladies). For the few months we have been in the planning stages for the AGM in 2005 June 16-19 all plans, are in place and ahead of schedule and hope to se you all in Wainwright

Edmonton Branch

Another year has come and gone and we reflect on the happenings and events of 2004. The highlight of our year was, of course, hosting the 90th Anniversary and Annual General Meeting in June. We were proud of our efforts in making this a successful as well as entertaining event. Regimental Headquarters, the 1st Battalion and the GS Transport Platoon of the base were very instrumental in their assistance and cooperation in making the event the success it was. The Edmonton Branch presented plaques in appreciation for their efforts. Overall things went very well with the exception of a couple of minor hiccups that were rectified quickly. Due to planning measures, numbers and date time lines, etc, a few walk ups were disappointed in that we had to cut off the numbers a week before and unfortunately could not purchase tickets. It is regretted that it happened but people knew this event was going to happen for about a year. We received accolades galore over the food as well as the band that played Saturday night at the dance. Several prizes were given out with Neil McKerracher and wife being recognized as the first to register and Ben Forgore and Spouse as the Patricia who came the furthest, the eastern townships of Nova Scotia. The "last Patricia standing" went to Jack Cathie who joined the Patricia's in 1936, being the truest and oldest Patricia in attendance.

Despite ongoing military tasks, the Regiment will hold and celebrate our 95th anniversary in 2009. The Edmonton Branch has a surplus of funds from the 90th anniversary after paying all of the bills and making a donation to the Museum. The Branch would like to volunteer to host the 95th anniversary along with the AGM with the blessings of all unless another branch is willing to take it on. The surplus funds would be seed money for the 95th anniversary; we plan to present our proposal to Council in due course.

The Edmonton Branch was glad to pitch in and assist the endeavour of providing Christmas gifts and comforts to our serving Patricias in theatres of operations overseas. We hope they enjoyed what was sent and that it helped lighten up their Christmas away from home and families, and to let the troops know that they are not forgotten by those of us at home.

On the other side of the coin, our branch lost two members during the year. Long time member and WWII Veteran Don Gower, and Korean Veteran Jack Shields passed away. They will both be missed by our membership.

As 2005 is well on the horizon we look forward to another great year, many have made plans to attend the AGM in Wainwright later this year. The Wainwright Branch always puts on a good show and we all look forward to another great time.

For some of us it will be a busy summer as quite a few of our members plan to attend the Queen's Own Rifles 145th Anniversary in Calgary this summer. Many fine soldiers came to our Regiment when their Regiment was disbanded.

Our branch usually meets the 4th Saturday each month except June and July, so if you are in the area drop into the Kingsway Legion at 11:00 hours.

All members of the Edmonton Branch wish all members of the Association from Vancouver Island to the Maritimes a great year; we hope to see some of you in Wainwright and Calgary later on this year.



Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch

Year 2004 was a landmark in history of the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch. After a quarter of a century of close association with Second Battalion, using their facilities at Winnipeg's KapYong Barracks and conducting so many of our activities in conjunction with theirs, we have had to wean ourselves and learn to manage on our own in unfamiliar surroundings.

We began the year with our Annual Meeting in the Charleswood Legion on February 11th. Originally scheduled for January 28th, it had been postponed because of a bitter minus 38-degree wind-chill. Branch President Len King and Vice-President Cliff Fox were re-elected and the Secretary-Treasurer's office was split with Fred Breurkens taking over as Branch Secretary and D'Arcy Best retaining the Treasurer's duties. Our last official branch function in the KapYong Barracks WOs and Sgts Mess was the Annual Ladies Day on March 21st. It was not as well attended as we would have liked but those who were there enjoyed themselves.

On March 30th, Branch Member Bob Cumming accompanied Second Battalion's CO and RSM to the Land Force Western Area Training Centre Detachment in Shilo, Manitoba and was given the honour of presenting PPCLI hat badges to the graduates of Basic Infantryman Qualification Course Serial 0402 and, on June 16th, Stu Weeks was called upon to do the same for Serial 0404.

Second Battalion golfers dominated the Branch's Annual Golf Tournament on May 21st with Corporal Pat Mullin scoring the Tournament's Low Gross and Warrant Officer Kevin Lewis Low Net. Paul Ryan and Jerry Franc were Low Gross and Low Net respectively among the Association Members. Thirty-two Association members, 2PPCLI personnel and friends played in the tournament.

A few tears were shed on June 20th when Second Battalion said farewell to the

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citizens of Winnipeg and the city they have called home for 34 years. The Sunday ceremonies at KapYong Barracks began with a Farewell Tattoo, opening with the Old Guard marching on to the beat of the Second Battalion Corps of Drums. Then, during a performance by the Pipes and Drums of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the sky opened up and a torrential downpour sent the spectators scrambling for cover. To their credit, the Camerons carried on without missing a beat. When the rain abated, the spectators returned to the sound of the 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps Drum Line and watched an unarmed combat demo by young soldiers fresh off basic training. The Tattoo concluded with performances by the 1 Canadian Air Division Band and the Flag Party of the PPCLI Association's Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch. The Tattoo was followed by Second Battalion's Change of Command Ceremony where Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Day handed the Battalion over to Lieutenant-Colonel Stu Sharpe then, led by their new Commanding Officer, the battalion marched off the KapYong Barracks Parade Square for the last time.

We had been concerned that moving from our old home in the Second Battalion WOs & Sgts Mess might hurt attendance at our Annual Dinner but on October 23rd, 46 members and friends, including some we hadn't seen for a while, sat down at the Charleswood Legion for an excellent meal prepared and served by their Ladies Auxiliary. All comments were favourable and we are looking forward to an even better turnout next year. Bob Cumming, Stu Weeks and D'Arcy Best got up before the birds on November 11th and drove from Winnipeg to Shilo to continue our tradition of parading with Second Battalion on Remembrance Day. On arrival at the new KapYong Barracks, we met Brandon member Danny Haddow and a contingent of cadets from Winnipeg's PPCLI Cadet Corps and the Sgt Tommy Prince, MM, Cadet Corps. As has been the custom since 1988, the battalion formed up in Hollow Square with the Old Guard on the right and the Cadets on the left, and an Association Member performed the Act of Remembrance. In Winnipeg, other members of the branch attended an indoor service at Oak Park High School. This service was attended by nearly 1,000 people from our branch, Charleswood Legion, 17 Wing, RCMP, the Korean Association of Manitoba, Air Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, representatives from the three levels of government and members of the public. Our Branch Flag Party paraded with Charleswood Legion's Colour Party and Branch President Len King laid a wreath on behalf of the PPCLI Association.

Sadly, attendance at our Annual Memorial Service at All Saints Church on November 14th was very poor with only eight Patricia Family members present. There were no WWII vets, only one Korean War vet and, for the first time in recent years, there was no representation from our serving component. As we did not have Second Battalion's Colours with us this year, Don Collins and Archie Moore paraded the National and Branch Flags to the front of the church. Cadet Sergeant James Waldie of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps sounded Last Post and Reveille, Corporal Brad Clyde of the Queen's Cameron Highlanders of Canada played the Lament, D'Arcy Best performed the Act of Remembrance and Branch President Len King read the First Lesson.

Despite an unfavourable weather forecast, eight of our Winnipeg members drove to Shilo on December 9th where, joined by Brandon members Dan (Scotty) Haddow and John Sutherland, we sat down with the Junior Ranks of Second Battalion for their Christmas Dinner, served in traditional fashion by the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Following the customary speeches and awards, we enjoyed a delicious and substantial meal, then the Drum Line, accompanied by no less than five Pipers, treated us to an excellent performance. After dinner, we joined the Warrant Officers and Sergeants on the upper floor of the El Prado (Junior Ranks) Club where they were to be 'at home' to the Officers. Unfortunately, the darkening skies forced us to leave for Winnipeg before the Officers arrived.

The Manitoba & North Western Ontario Branch meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg, anytime after supper. We hold our

Branch Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers on the fourth Wednesday in January at 7:30 PM. Other business meetings are held on these 'fourth Wednesdays' when required but most are informal 'Old Buddy' sessions". Drop in and see us sometime.

Atlantic Branch

The highlight of our year was a very successful Annual General Meeting held in Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia, in the beautiful Annapolis Valley, 17 to 19 September, with one of our largest turnouts in years. The weekend's success was largely due to the efforts of the Camp OC, Major Keith MacDonald, PPCLI and his cooperative staff. Bill and Marie Schofield live nearby and did yeoman work as our coordinators (Bill was Camp RSM there many (!) years ago, when he was a Highlander, and was back in his old stomping grounds). Camp Aldershot is a well-kept Army secret - an excellent and modern training facility for Canada's Atlantic Region Reserve Army. The Camp was celebrating its 100th anniversary that weekend. We were extremely well treated, with quarters and very reasonably priced meals available. Some of the gals actually got to sleep in quarters - not so bad after all.

Following our usual format, with a Meet and Greet on Friday evening, the AGM was held the following morning. Considerable time was spent discussing the Volunteer Patricia Programme, with complete endorsement forthcoming. Bill Minnis will act as Branch Representative and will seek assistant volunteers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Following the meeting, folks toured parts of the Valley and contributed to the local economy.

Dinner that evening was a formal affair held in the Combined Officers' and Sergeants/Warrant Officers' Mess, saw 66 persons attending and was a very enjoyable time. We were very pleased to have Major-General (Ret'd) Bill Hewson and Nora as our guests of honour. (Bill and Nora drove from Ottawa in their great Triumph TR3 - wind burned they were - and some time at the bar was spent discussing navigation and map using - it seems Nora was the navigator!) Bill spoke eloquently, as usual, at the dinner. Following dinner, Brigadier-General Ray Romses, Commander, Land Force Atlantic Area, gave an update on the Regiment and his command. Ray was accompanied by his wife Carol. Accompanying was Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Corry (Chief of Staff 36 Brigade) and his wife Robin.

We were very pleased to have the CO and RSM of the French Grey Battalion, (CO and RSM, Atlantic Area Training Centre, CTC Gagetown), Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Creighton and CWO Steve Bartlett, join us for the weekend. They were welcome guests and we resumed old ties between the Branch and the French Grey. Also joining us from Newfoundland were Captain Al and Mrs George, and Brian Furlong (great dinner story, Brian!). Our Sunday Memorial Service was held at the Camp Memorial, followed by lunch and farewells.

Next year's AGM will be held on Prince Edward Island, 23 to 25 September, 2005. Branch members send greetings and salutations to all Regimental comrades across this great Land, and in particular want our serving soldiers to know how proud we are of you and the service you continue to perform to the highest Regimental standards. Good soldiering.

Ottawa Branch

The Ottawa Branch had a reasonably quiet year in 2004 with the major planned events being the 17th of March dinner and the 11th of November Remembrance Day service. The dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. The venue this year was changed to the Dinning Room at Connaught Ranges and proved to be very acceptable. Our thanks go to Bill Plouffe for arranging it. This occasion was also used to re-elect the current executive for another term.

Association

It was with regret that we learned of the illness of Lord John Brabourne and the resultant cancellation of the Colonel in Chief's visit to Ottawa. The tea with the Governor General, which had been planned, was now changed to permit Mrs Saul, the mother of His Excellency John Ralston Saul and wife of the late Colonel "Pinky" Saul, who was visiting Canada to meet some members of the Patricia family. A dinner was also held in her honour where Patricias were invited. His Excellency is now a Member at Large of the Association.



The 11th of November Remembrance Day service saw a good turnout of both retired and serving Patricias, their family and friends. Mrs Dolores Noonan joined the President, Harry Bloom, in laying the wreath on behalf of all Patricias. MGen (Ret'd) Hewson presented Bill Love with the Association Award of Merit for his dedication to the Regiment. We were honoured to have His Excellency, John Ralston Saul attend at the reception following the service and to speak to a number of members of the Regimental family. The day ended with the Hewsons, Snowballs, Harry Bloom and Rita Lalonde attending the Governor General's Tea in honour of the Silver Cross Mother, Mrs Dyer. Her son, Cpl Dyer was killed in Afghanistan in the friendly fire bombing.

Kingston Branch

The Kingston Branch is the smallest Association branch, but continued to grow in 2004. The Branch includes members across eastern Ontario as well as in Kingston itself. Most of the members are no longer in the Army, but they are anything but retired. It is an exercise to fit meetings and activities into their various work and travel schedules.

Branch activities comprised participation with serving members in periodic gatherings to mark significant regimental days. The main event of the year was a mixed "dining out" in a local restaurant on 7 October to mark the 90th anniversary of the Regiment. 90th Anniversary pins were distributed along with the customary stories. (Did we really do all those things?!)

The Kingston Branch has agreed to host the 2006 Association AGM and is looking forward to that. Details will be issued in due course.

PATRICIA'S

- P** is for the PATRICIA'S
Who have gathered here today.
They have come, from all around
Both near and far away.
- A** is for Camp Aldershot
Who this year is our host.
We appreciate your hospitality
Welcoming us to your post.
- T** is to Thank you for coming
It's good to see you one and all
As we gather to our meetings
Each and every fall.
- R** is for the Ride in life
Each of us has taken,
Some of us - to get somewhere
Some to save our bacon.
- I** is for the Image
Our proud Patrician's display
And that is not just once-in-a-while
But each and every day.
- C** is for the Comradeship
For which we all do share
It shows how close, we've all become
And how much we really care.
- I** is for the Insight
For Retired Pat's to get together.
So once a year we meet at a place
No matter what the weather.
- A** is for All the memories
We have gathered, through the years,
As we rally for the meetings
To discuss: our Joy's - our Hopes - our Fears.
- Yes we are proud Patricians
Gathering once again
To sing a song or tell a tale
Before we say Amen.....

Cadets

2701 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps (KapYong Barracks)

This past training year has been an exceptional one for the cadets of 2701 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps. Along with having the normal training schedule and DND activities, we participated in activities such as sports, shooting and time in the field.

During the training year of 2004, we successfully completed two corps exercises. One of the exercises, took place in Shilo, Manitoba and the other took place in Richer, Manitoba. On the exercises, the cadets were introduced to the basics of fieldcraft, field movement, orienteering and brushed up on their knots. We ran the last exercise of the year in a fashion in which the four sections completed the weekend exercise as a competition where they were scored on every stand, their bivouac site, and their teamwork among other things. Everyone who participated on the exercises came back knowing more and saying that they had a great time in the field.



As well as all the wonderful training we undertook this year, we received the Commander Certificate along with the Thompson Trophy for the best Army Cadet Corps in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. We believe that receiving this trophy really boosted the esprit-de-corps.

This year, our corps once again had a competitive shooting team as well as a nicely turned out band and magnificent drumline. Our rifle team this year was composed of CWO Anil Sukhan, MWO Jenn McCall, Sgt Blake Davidson, Sgt Andrew Greeley and Cdt Cody Vernie. The rifle team made it this year to the zone shoot and the provincials which was an accomplishment for the younger members of the team.

Also this year we had one member of our rifle team go to the National Competition in St. John's Newfoundland, Sgt Blake Davidson. We also, as in previous years made it possible for all cadets who wished to shoot to get a chance to recreationally shoot during Saturday training. The Saturday training continued this year with the running team, recreational shooting, various sports and practise time for the corps drumline.

This year, our drumline had many members ranging in rank from CWO to first year cadets. Being a member of the drumline takes a lot of hard work and determination as you can find out by asking any member of the performing drumline (former CWO Matthew Dumas, MWO Jenn McCall, WO Cody Perreria, Sgt James Waldie, Sgt Joel Gange, Mcpl Mandy Burton, and Cdt Cody Vernie). The drumline performed for such events as the mess dinners of the Second Battalion PPCLI, the 303 Rockwood Legion and various other events. The drumline's final performance of the year was at the change of command parade for the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. This, we believe, started the summer off in a good way.



During the summer, we were very fortunate to send several cadets on advanced training and exciting events. We were only able to do this as we had a seven out of seven pass rate this year on NSCE (National Star Certification Examination). Along with having a complete pass rate, we had the top three places including the General Howard Award for top score on NSCE. With results like these some of our senior cadets were able to go on the great advanced training that the Army Cadet Program has to offer. We had one cadet go on the Maple Leaf Exchange to England (MWO Jenn McCall), one cadet go to Bisley, also in England on the national Bisley team (Sgt Blake Davidson), two cadets go to Rocky Mountain on Leadership and Challenge (WO Dominic Dasylva and WO Cody Perreira). Along with having cadets on the advanced courses, our corps also had cadets in the positions of CSM at both Whitehorse Summer Training Center and Rocky Mountain Summer Training Center (former CWO Matthew Dumas and CWO Anil Sukhan). Along with advanced training and staff positions at summer training centers we had many cadets go to summer camps, two of which received the ANAVET medal for toping their CLI (Cadet Leader Instructor) course, Sgt. Andrew Greeley (PERT, Vernon) and WO Eric Boulet (Adventure, Whitehorse). When cadets started up again this fall everyone was excited to tell about their adventures of the summer.



As we furthered on into fall, our cadet corps, as usual took part in FALCON, the annual sports tabloid for all army cadet corps in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. At the sport tabloid our corps had many opportunities to prove that we really are the best. Our RSM CWO Anil Sukhan was the parade commander for the final parade on the Sunday, as well our cadets recieved many awards for various tabloid events. Our cadet corps went home with three gold medals and one silver, this proved to the younger cadets everything they had been told. The words of the seniors that we are the best army cadet corps. Among the various medals our top two senior cadets (CWO Anil Sukhan, and MWO Jenn McCall) recived the Army Cadet Service Medal from the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, His Honour John Harvard.

All and all, this past training year, 2003-2004 was a sucess in everyway, our corps flourished and we believe will continue to do so into the future.

3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps, out of Edgerton Alberta, gave a new definition to the word dedication this past training year. 3003 parades on Wednesday nights from 1900-2130hrs at the Edgerton School. These weekly parades are augmented by numerous weekend activities, keeping these dedicated cadets very active.





September 2003 opened with a family golf day and potluck supper. September also found the cadets enjoying the kick off exercise at the Belanger farm, as the cadets got reacquainted after the summer break.

October was a very exciting month for the cadets as they enjoyed rappelling at WATC, and a camp clean up at the Belanger farm. New tables and benches were built for the base camp this year. The highlight of October was the weekend spent at Camp Harkness. The cadets researched, built and utilized survival shelters. This same weekend also provided an opportunity for the cadets to repair the damage done by vandals, and left the corps with the pride of a job well done.

Remembrance Day parades and ranges consumed November and December, with a movie night thrown in for good measure. January was a blur of ranges, snowshoeing and the annual canvassing of Wainwright for donations to facilitate the Supper and Games night in Wainwright. The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the day of snowshoeing that was held at the Edgerton Fish and Game Range.

February found the cadets practicing Archery in Lloydminster, with the instructor from Jodi Lee Archery, in the work bays of J&R Automotive. Our thanks to the instructor, and our apologies to Jamie for any punctured tires! March was a full month for the cadets, highlighted by the annual supper and games night. The corps raised a substantial amount of funds, and was able to enjoy a trip to Drumheller in April. The Tyrell Museum, Reptile World and the East Alta Coal Mine were enjoyed by all.

May and June finished up the training year in as much of a frenzy as the year began. The cadets participated in Decoration Day, Cadets Caring for Canada, the

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Paradise Valley Fair, The Edgerton Sports Day, the Testing Weekend held at the Belanger farm, and Annual Inspection.

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps would like to thank the dedicated cadet parents, the Western Area Cadet Corps, Royal Canadian Legion #168 Edgerton, The Town of Edgerton, Marea Crews, The Edgerton Fish and Game Range, the Award Sponsors, and the volunteer instructors. A special thanks to the Transport section in WATC.



2901 Cadet Corps





PPCLI WO's & Snr NCO's Club

The year 2004 has been a busy one for our club members with most involved in planning their summer travel agendas, the main one in mind being the Regiment's 90th Anniversary. Some decision making was required in dealing with the two venues Edmonton and Winnipeg, the question being could they attend both. Fortunately, many of our members were able to attend and enjoy both celebrations; unfortunately, I had to cancel out on our Winnipeg trip due to a last minute medical appointment, not having any desire to return to the back of the medical bus.



Our membership attendance for the 90th Edmonton celebrations was approximately 120 with 110 attending our '90th Farewell Breakfast' at the Ramada Inn on the Sunday morning of our final day. We regret that our invited guests could not attend, which was understandable, as they were tied up with some final events.

The club's last event for 2004 was our AGM which took place at the Piklee Post on the 15th of September with our normal agenda, consisting of good food, good comradeship, good beer, and a short business meeting followed by 'true' stories and memories of the good times, recalled and related into the late hours.



Our 29th Anniversary annual dinner will be held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Lodge on the 19th of May 2005, an event which all members look forward to. WE hope for a good attendance although much aware of the fact that after 29 years, time, age, and medical problems take their toll and for some, traveling is just not in the cards. With great sadness we must report the passing of fifteen of our members in 2004.

Our sincere best wishes for a great 2005 to Patricias everywhere, with emphasis on our soldiers and all military personnel who are presently serving on our many overseas missions. May you all complete your tours successfully and return home safely.

Last Post

Name	Service	Date	Place
Maurice Barnett, CD	WWII, Korea, RegF	Jan 3, 2004	Saltair, BC
WMW Denny, CD	RegF	Jan 13, 2004	Victoria, BC
Howie Hobbs	RegF	Jan 14, 2004	Burritts Rapids, ON
Edward Clyburn	WWII	Jan 16, 2004	Edmonton, AB
James M. Reid	WWII	Jan 20, 2004	Toronto, ON
Arnold H. Huff	WWII, RegF	Jan 26, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Cecile Rosger	WWII	Jan 27, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Harold Frost	Korea	Jan 27, 2004	Grand Anse, NS
Alfred R. Peel	WWII		Foam Lake, SK
Oscar H. Eklund	WWII	Feb, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Frederick E. Cathcart	WWII	Feb 7, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Rolf T. Lund	RegF	Feb 13, 2004	Kingston, ON
Ted Forrest	RegF	Feb 14, 2004	Wassiss, NB
Michael Trenholm	RegF	Feb 15, 2004	Sackville, NS
Albert H. Campbell	WWII, RegF	Feb 17, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Bert Quaintance	WWII, Korea, RegF	Feb, 19 2004	Calgary, AB
John D. C. Holland	WWII	Feb 22, 2004	White Rock, BC
James Day	WWII	Feb 25, 2004	St Laurent, NB
Kenneth M. Treganowan	Korea, RegF	Feb 29, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Bert Ehinger	RegF	Mar 3, 2004	Coutenay, BC
Frederick McDonald Pryor	WWII	Mar 09, 2004	
William H. Denne	WWII, Korea, RegF	Mar 10, 2004	Hants Border, NS
Bernard P. O'Connell	WWII	Mar 13, 2004	Halifax, NS
Albert P. Zillman	WWII	Mar 18, 2004	Stonewall, MB
Vernon D. Cole	WWII, Korea, RegF	Mar 22, 2004	Calgary, AB
Gerry Blume	RegF	Mar 29, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Charles H Jones		Apr 2, 2004	Upper Tantallon, NS
Charles C. Cowell	WWII	Apr 10, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Duncan K. McAdam	WWII	Apr 12, 2004	Duncan, BC
Clinton H. Sheffield	Korea, RegF	Apr 15, 2004	Calgary, AB
Lloyd J. Bush	WWII, RegF	Apr 19, 2004	Chilliwack, BC
Michael John Melton	Korea	Apr 20, 2004	Calgary, AB
William R. Vick	Korea	Apr 24, 2004	Ottawa, ON
Joseph M. Landry	RegF	May 6, 2004	Brockville, ON
Jim White	RegF	May 15, 2004	Parksville, BC
Russ Dickson	RegF	May 15, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Garth B. Lynch	Korea, RegF	May 21, 2004	Langley, BC

Name	Service	Date	Place
Fredrick S. Dodd	WWII, Korea, RegF	May 25, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Samuel Mintenko	WWII	June 3, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Henry Michel	RegF (Germany)	June 8, 2004	Fort Simpson, NT
Gary R. Woodward	RegF	June 12, 2004	Brandon, MB
David Lamont	RegF	June 16, 2004	Carleton Place, ON
Edward R. Prince	RegF	June 19, 2004	Scanterbury, MB
Nick Oshanski	WWII, Korea	June 22, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
James H. Cousins	WWII, Korea	June 26, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Frederic Young	Korea, RegF	July 5, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Jack Acikahte	RegF	July 10, 2004	College Park, MD, USA
Stanley Basarowich	Korea	July 10, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Dave Parker			
Kenneth M.M. Provan	Korea	July 19, 2004	Victoria, BC
Donald Gower	WWII	July 26, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Keith Flowers	Regulur	July 28, 2004	Strathray, ON
Don Gallagher			
John D. McNab	Korea	Aug 8, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
George Jarvis	RegF	Aug 13, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
George S. Gofenko	Korea, RegF	Aug 14, 2004	Calgary, AB
George H. White	Korea, RegF	Aug 18, 2004	Hudson, QC
Bob Davis	Korea, RegF	Aug 23, 2004	Princeton, BC
Russell H. Perkins	WWII	Aug 23, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Paul Lundrigan	RegF	Aug 23, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
Douglas W. Burns	WWII, Korea, RegF	Sept 04, 2004	Victoria, BC
Norman M. Cousens	WWII	Sept 15, 2004	Victoria, BC
Steven de Montburn	RegF	Sept 16, 2004	St Albert, AB
Wendell M. Robinson	RegF	Sept 18, 2004	Digby, NS
Theodore G. Renner	RegF	Sept 18, 2004	Calgary, AB
Victor J. Mahood	Korea	Sept 18, 2004	Vancouver, BC
R.T. Greyeyes	RegF	Sept 24, 2004	Orleans, ON
Norm Rivard	WWII, Korea, RegF	Oct 09, 2004	Surrey, BC
Martin McGillivray	RegF	Oct 10, 2004	The Pas, MB
Gordon H. Sellar	WWII, Korea, RegF	Oct 2004	Kingston, ON
Walter H. Jans	WWII, Korea, RegF	Oct 20, 2004	Vernon, BC
Frank M. Cox	WWII, Korea, RegF	Oct 21, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Joseph T. Peebles	RegF	Oct 24, 2004	Calgary, AB
Robert H. Dobinson	WWII	Nov 03, 2004	Nanaimo, BC
E.W. Thomas, MBE, CD	WWII, RegF	Nov 09, 2004	Victoria, BC
Andrew Schaen	WWII	Nov 09, 2004	Winnipeg, MB
George Smith	WWII, Korea, RegF	Nov 09, 2004	Calgary, AB
Kenneth E. Schollar	Korea	Nov 12, 2004	Mission, BC
Robert J. McIvor	RegF	Nov 13, 2004	Victoria, BC
Anthony A. MacDonald	WWII	Nov 26, 2004	Burnaby, BC
John W. Shields	Korea	Nov 29, 2004	Edmonton, AB
John A. Nessel	WWII	Dec 02, 2004	Edmonton, AB
Kenneth J. McAndrew	RegF	Dec 05, 2004	Calgary, AB
Emery W. French	RegF	Dec 06, 2004	St Albert, AB
Samuel Starblanket	WWII	Dec 18, 2004	Calgary, AB
F.A. Richard		Dec 21, 2004	Vernon, BC

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